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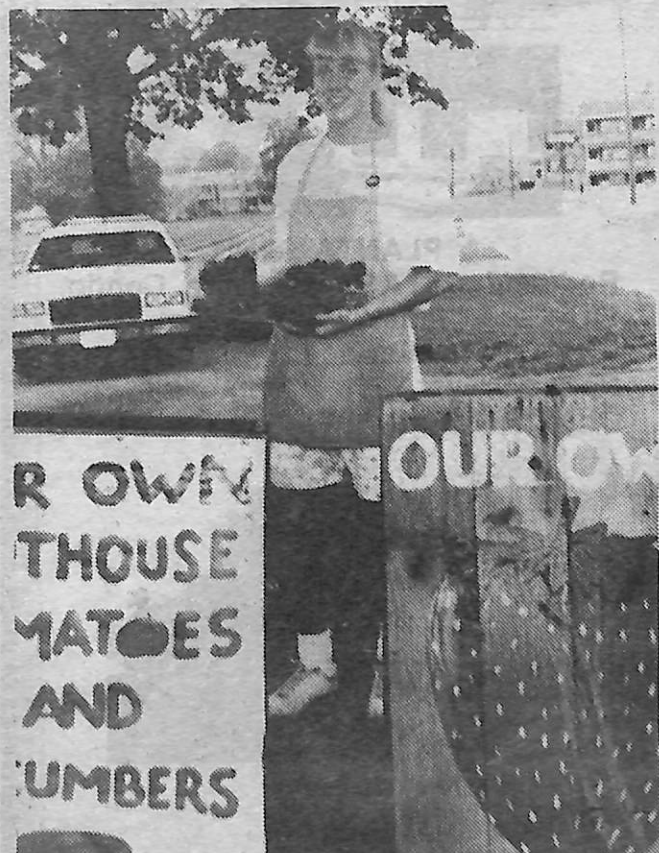
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BOBBY CECCHI of E. Cecchi Farms on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills says the berries are wonderful this summer but time is running out on the brief strawberry season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CHRISTINE CHAUSSE, an employee at E. Cecchi Farms on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, holds two quarts of the delicious strawberries now available at the popular farm stand. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Strawberry Fields Forever...

Best Berries Surely Can Be Found In Agawam Fields

by Holly Pevzner
Advertiser News Staff

It's that time of year again. It's Strawberry Season and some of the best berries around can be found right here in Agawam. Whether you prefer to pick your own or have others do the selecting for you, there is something for everyone in town.

Strawberry Season was kicked off a little late this year due to the recent heat wave. The traditional season begins the first week of June and it continues through the early part of July. Because of the heat, the season came late and will end early. But it seems that the piles of snow Agawam had dumped on it this winter didn't harm this year's harvest. As a matter of fact, some believe that a bed of snow acts as an insulator, keeping the strawberries healthy.

This year's batch of berries have been waiting to bloom since the spring of last year. Strawberries are usually planted in early spring (and also midsummer), and bear fruit in the spring of the following year.

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS...

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Middle School Will Maintain Asst. Principal

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Middle School staff and parents heaved the proverbial sigh of relief before breaking out into applause as the School Committee voted unanimously at the Tuesday, June 28th meeting to retain the position of assistant principal at the school.

Before the vote was taken, Middle School Principal Ralph Zavarella said he had been figuratively "sweating it out" since rumors first surfaced that the position of assistant principal was in jeopardy. Zavarella, along with Guidance Counselor Thomas Dacey (as well as concerned parents), literally sweated it out for another 90 minutes in the steamy atmosphere of the school's auditorium where the committee considered a resolution to abolish the position of assistant principal.

Addressing the committee during Citizen Speak Time, parents Patricia Reveruzzi and Susan Dempsey urged the position be kept on a full-time basis.

Mrs. Reveruzzi said the position was necessary to ensure the Middle School remained "the safe, well-run, and positive learning environment our children need and deserve."

With the help of parents Jan Lapins, Pat Serafino, Helen Manning, and Sue Dempsey, Mrs. Reveruzzi gathered 280 signatures on a petition to reinstate the position.

Mrs. Dempsey told the committee, "I've been involved in a number of issues over the years, but never have I seen so many people agree overwhelmingly."

Position Vacant Since April

Vacant since April when Robert Farrell was appointed to fill the principalship at Phelps School (resulting from the retirement of Principal William Miller), the position was expected to be filled in

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September on the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder.

However, two weeks ago three School Committee members put the position up for review despite Ryder's recommendation, citing the need to re-evaluate the position while it was vacant. The committee members were Susan Pettazzoni, Louise David, and Linda Galarneau.

Mrs. David said, "I don't like to automatically rubber stamp it. We're trying to re-evaluate the position. Maybe the duties should be re-aligned, and you can't do that when someone is in the job."

Mrs. Pettazzoni echoed Mrs. David's remarks, stating, "We would be remiss if we didn't re-evaluate and justify each position."

Expressing her dissatisfaction with the review process, Teresa Kozloski said, "I thought we'd hear the reasons why those who asked for this wanted the deletion (of the position)."

Mrs. Kozloski said she was against deleting the position based on the needs of the children and the teachers' need for the support system of an assistant principal. The duties included maintaining discipline, supervising assemblies and the lunch room, overseeing before- and after-school activities, and working with substitute teachers.

Mrs. Galarneau said she had questioned the

need for the position in the interests of fiscal responsibility to the school system as a whole. Stating she had no hidden agenda or vendetta against the Middle School principal (Zavarella), Mrs. Galarneau said, "I have to look at the whole system. When you give to one, sometimes you have to take from another."

Ryder Asks For Defeat Of Resolution

Ryder asked the committee to defeat the resolution to allow him to advertise the position and re-align some of the duties of the assistant principal. Ryder said he would be furnishing the committee with a written job description (none now exists) before September.

Ryder said he would include responsibility for the Chapter I Reading and Math Program for elementary and middle school students in the assistant principal's job description (as well as additional assignments as the occasion arose). Responsibility for the Chapter I Program had previously been assigned to retiring Clark School Principal Smith Rovelli.

Zavarella said he was grateful for the efforts of the parents and staff of the Middle School in supporting the position.

"We're all affected by it, but there's no greater impact than on the children and that's what we're here for," Zavarella said. "We will continue to maintain what we have and progress. This will allow us to implement education reform."

Bitzas Urges Swift Action On Inspection On South End Bridge By State Highway Dept.

George Bitzas, Agawam Council Vice President and Candidate for State Representative in the Massachusetts Third Hampden District, has called for swift action on the part of the Massachusetts Highway Department in conducting a thorough inspection of the South End Bridge. Bitzas indicated that in a letter he sent to Mass Highway, he urged them to make public the results of a new inspection, and formally announce the time schedule for repair and expansion of the bridge.

Bitzas also indicated that he hopes that the State Senate will soon finish its deliberation on the Chapter 90 transportation funds for cities and towns. Under the plan adopted by the House of Representatives, the towns in the Third Hampden District will receive a much-needed increase in Chapter 90 money over the next two years. These funds are desperately needed by communities to make repairs caused by the last two severe

winters.

Bitzas indicated that he had spoken with Agawam Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and received assurances that the section of Mill Street between AHS and the intersection with Poplar Street would be amongst the first to receive attention upon receipt of the Chapter 90 funds. He said, "One of my top priorities as State Representative will be to see that the cities and towns in Massachusetts receive their fair share of gas tax money to insure that our local roads are safe."

Bitzas continued, "In my conversation with the residents of the Third Hampden District, one of their most vocal concerns is the upkeep of our roads and bridges." He indicated that he would work hard to insure that the Third Hampden District receives its share of transportation funds, so that our roads and bridges can be properly maintained.

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The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before July 1, 1994. This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA, G.L. c. 30, secs. 61, 62-62H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

MR. GEORGE ROMANO (413) 787-6256

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Springfield, MA and Agawam, MA, where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for twenty days, and will then decide, within 10 days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02202, Attention MEPA Unit, referencing the above project.

By Philip H. Gile
Director of Public Works
Springfield, MA

Chief Campbell To Be Honored By Rotary

The Agawam Rotary Club is sponsoring an open house in honor of their outgoing President and the City's new Police Chief, Robert Campbell.

The reception will be held at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills on Thursday, July 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There is no charge. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. All residents of Agawam are invited to attend as guests of the Agawam Rotary Club.

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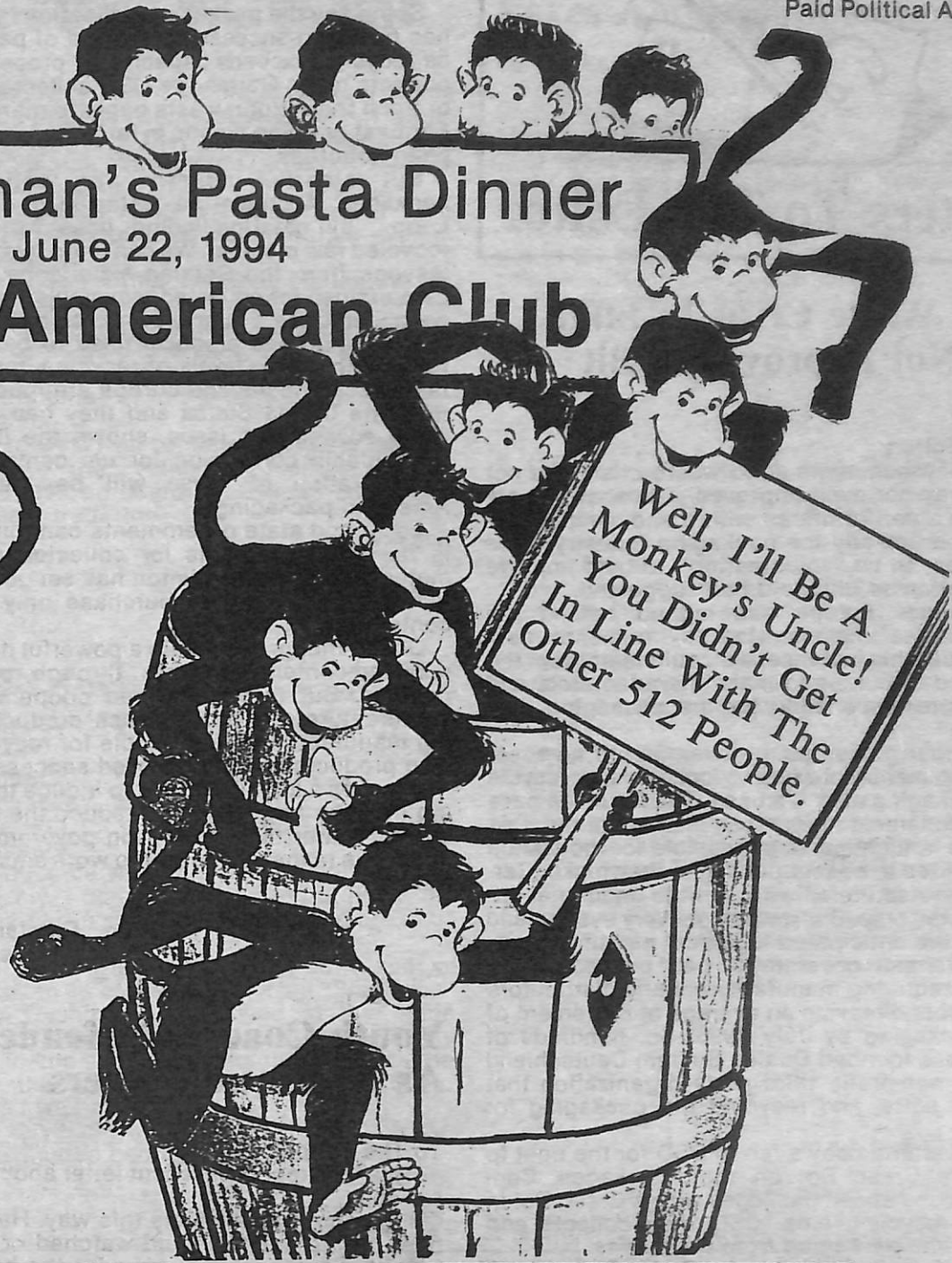
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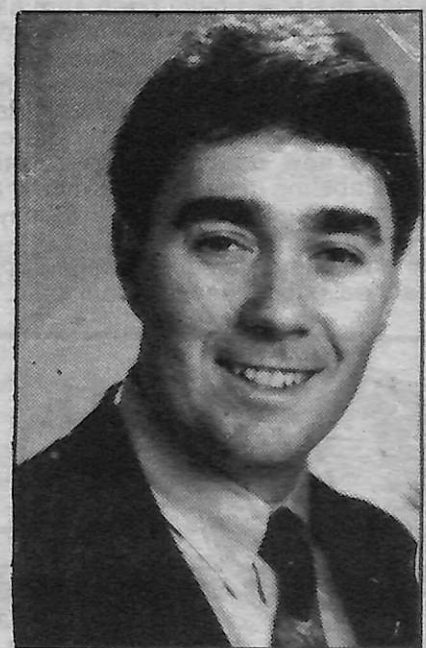
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Letters To The Editor

Solid Waste Crisis In State Has Not Improved A Bit

To The Editor:

The Massachusetts solid waste crisis has not gone away nor even improved. Throw-aways are as much a part of life as eating and sleeping. Industry, particularly the packaging industry, does not appear to be "volunteering" to help improve the situation as Bill Weld has suggested.

Sometimes Europe has lagged behind the United States implementing environmental controls, but in this instance, we could learn from the new trend in Europe to make manufacturers and distributors responsible for the packaging they create.

A number of European governments have set goals for manufacturers to collect and recycle their packaging after it's used. The Germans have made the most progress implementing this strategy. It might seem impossible for thousands of industries to collect packages they make. German manufacturers, with a little industrial ingenuity, developed a simple recovery system and avoided the anticipated logistical nightmare.

The German government had passed an ordinance requiring manufacturers and distributors to collect and recycle an average of 80 percent of their packaging by July 1995. So, hundreds of businesses founded Duales System Deutschland (DSD), a non-profit, third party organization that collects, sorts, and recycles the packaging for them.

Manufacturers pay a fee to DSD for the right to display a Green Dot on their packages. Consumers can deposit packages with a Green Dot in special recycling bins. DSD then collects and recycles the packaging from these bins.

Packaging not displaying a Green Dot may be returned to a store where it was purchased and the store MUST recycle it. Many stores are refusing to carry packages that lack the Green Dot, unless they are reusable like beverage containers. (Currently in Germany, 72 percent of beverage containers are refillable. Non-refillable containers commonly require deposits of 30-60 cents per container.)

DSD raised fees on packages of difficult-to-recycle material, covering their own costs. Manufacturers redesigned packages as another response, thusly reducing waste and simplifying recycling. A survey of DSD members found of 146 companies surveyed, previously using blister packs, only one still does, while 26 percent of packaging materials have been eliminated.

PVC and plastic foams were replaced with more easily recycled paper and cardboard. Transport packaging, such as pallets, crates, and cartons, get reused instead of thrown away. Redesigning packages formerly using several different types of plastics to now use only one plastic and integrating labeling instead of attaching a label of a different material simplifies the recycling process.

New packaging design guidelines restrict use of bleached paper, heavy metal inks, non-water

soluble glues, and encourages closing boxes by folding instead of stapling or taping.

Some say the packaging collection in Germany has been too successful. A flood of packages to be recycled exceeds capacity for processing. Opponents claim Germany's DSD collect mountains of trash then export waste paper to markets in the Far East or dump plastic in landfills in other European countries.

But clearly, industry can collect used packages. A crucial next step is to "Close the Loop," by creating/finding uses for so much recycled raw material. We can learn two important lessons from the German experience. Create a demand/use for collected recyclable materials as we accumulate a supply of recycled materials.

Packaging and products need to be manufactured with higher levels of recycled content. The fact that Germany and Europe are much smaller than the United States and they can no longer avoid solving this issue, shows the inevitable, unavoidable conclusion for us: common sense consideration of reuse will be the fate of American packaging.

Local and state governments can join industry in developing markets for collected recyclable materials. President Clinton has set goals for the federal government to purchase only recycled-content paper.

Governments can create a powerful demand for recycled-content products through purchasing policies. But they also need cooperation from manufacturers to reduce trash production. Making manufacturers responsible for recycling their own products has been proved successful.

It makes a lot more sense to induce the packaging industry to pick up and reduce the trash they create, rather than relying on governments and, hence, us taxpayers, to do the work and/or pick up the tab.

Sincerely,
Damian Gormley
Feeding Hills

Youth Coaches Defended As Dedicated Fathers

To The Editor:

This is in reply to a recent letter about coaching baseball.

I'm sorry that she feels this way. Has she ever been to the practices and watched or offered to help the coaches work out with the boys? Many parents do. Has she stayed and watched the dedication these men put in to coaching the boys? I'm sure she hasn't or she would see a different picture than she portrayed—these men who have donated their time, who work with each individual child, to try to develop their talents and help to improve their skills.

From the very first day of practice when these boys were new to the 8-10 league (there were also a few older boys from last year), they were so unsure of themselves and very inexperienced. After all, most of these kids had come from the instructional division which is different from the hard-hitting 8-10 division.

They have grown with each practice and game, becoming a little more sure of themselves. They still make many mistakes (all of them), but as the season goes by, they will improve immensely. This is all due to the patience and understanding of your sons' coaches, who are also preparing them for the stiff competition of the 10-12 division.

The boys are played in certain positions according to their ability. We do not want them to get hurt. They have a short attention span (after all, they are only eight years old). They stare into space and look around. We can't have a youngster

play a key position where a lot of action takes place if they can't pay attention or if they are not experienced to play that position. They could get seriously injured, and I'm sure you wouldn't want that.

Has she ever said something to her children out of frustration and then realized that it was inappropriate. I'm sure she has. After all, we are all human. We make mistakes.

We talk to the boys and tell them to listen to what we are saying. This is a key skill to any activity. We work with them so they will understand that listening is important to the job. Then when the play is made and they make their own decision, not listening to the coaches, of course frustration will set in. It happens to all of us.

These people who coach our children do so because they enjoy working with children and want to share some of their knowledge with them to improve the abilities of your child.

You should be thankful that your son has two dedicated fathers who give up their time to help improve your son's baseball abilities.

If you feel that a problem still exists, maybe you should try coaching the team next year.

Betsy DelPeschio
Feeding Hills

Be Sure To Plan A Safe July 4th Holiday For Your Pets

To The Editor:

Festivities for July 4th including fireworks may be a tradition, but remember to consider your cat or dog's safety.

Animals do not understand that loud noises and sudden bursts of light are all part of the fun. Many indoor pets hide in fear, and animals left outdoors may become injured or lost in an attempt to escape the commotion.

From July 3rd through 5th, please keep all pets inside. If this is not possible, please be sure that your pets (including cats) are wearing identification tags; if you plan to go away for the holiday, be sure to bring any outdoor cats inside.

Thank you,
Susan Stevens
Concerned Citizens For Animals, Inc.
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Wednesday, July 6th
Free concert featuring
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Veteran's Green, Phelps School
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 7th
"Open House" for outgoing Agawam
Rotary Club president and new
Agawam Police Chief, Robert Campbell
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At Alexander's Restaurant, F. Hills
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Thursday, July 7th
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"Mother & Daughter Banquet" Successful For Jr. Girl Scouts

To The Editor:

On Monday, June 13th, approximately 150 Junior Girl Scouts, their leaders and co-leaders, moms, and guests celebrated their achievements with a "Mother and Daughter Banquet."

Our guest speaker, Kathleen McSweeney, Director of Athletics, gave a motivational speech, quizzing all attending on famous women and their accomplishments, using "Go Brownies" bumper stickers as prizes.

We enjoyed a pot-luck supper with each troop providing their own main course and everyone sharing in the many desserts. After which each troop gave a short presentation of their achievements, awards, activities done throughout the year. Each troop also shared a song, skit, or dance.

The organizers of the banquet would like to thank Richard Mundo and the staff of the Senior Center for allowing us the use of their facility. We would also like to thank the Agawam Junior Women's Club for their donation of paper plates, napkins, and plasticware.

Jeannette Bilodeau displayed information from her Wider Ops adventure and we thank her for her display. And lastly, we would like to thank all the Junior Girl Scouts who attended and their leaders and co-leaders who work hard all year long to make scouting an enjoyable experience.

Sincerely,
Dee Adams
Sue Landry
Donna M. Shibley

Karen Buffington-DelPeschio's Family Grateful For Support

To The Editor:

The family of Karen Buffington-DelPeschio would like to thank the staff of *The Agawam Advertiser*, especially Kathy Cassanelli for the wonderful article she wrote and Jack Devine for the pictures taken of Karen's family.

We are eternally grateful for the love and support we receive daily. All this helps to keep Karen's memory alive.

Paul & Betsy DelPeschio

Polish-American Club Bingo Workers Enjoy Trip To N.H.

To The Editor:

The Polish-American Club Bingo workers recently took a trip to Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire via Peter Pan. They also went aboard the steamship "Mount Washington" to enjoy a champagne brunch cruise.

Bob Binnenkade, club chairman and chief of Bingo, and his "employees" feasted their eyes on the following:

Set like a jewel within the White Mountains and having Mount Washington as a magnificent backdrop, Lake Winnepesaukee covers 72 square miles and contains 240 islands. It is a perfect example of all the beauty that's available to see in America, and much of this beauty is almost in our own backyard.

The trip to New Hampshire was a "near perfect" day in terms of the weather. Oh, I almost forgot—we also hopped on board the railroad coach cars for a pleasant train ride.

A joy to report,
Eddie Barako
Feeding Hills

F.H. Resident Thanks EMT's For Their "Professionalism"

To The Editor:

On Wednesday, June 15th, at about 5:30 p.m., I had to dial 911 for an emergency. The response was immediate.

The ambulance with EMT's and a cruiser arrived so quickly, I hardly had time to put down the phone. Their professionalism and caring are to be commended.

I do not know who was on duty, but a special "thank you" to all of them. Also, a big "thank you" to Randy Cushing, who arrived at my home (although he was not on duty) and rode with my husband in the ambulance to the hospital. He also took the time to check at the hospital to make sure I was all right.

We are very lucky in Agawam to have such caring and dedicated people. Thank you, again.

Sincerely,
Joyce Geiger
Feeding Hills

New Supporter Of Keenan's Raves About Supper

To The Editor:

I never had the pleasure of meeting Dan Keenan until Wednesday, June 22nd at his Macaroni & Meatball Dinner.

At the urging of my wife, I attended this party and I must say that I found Mr. Keenan to be a perfect gentleman and very knowledgeable.

The hall, I am told, was set up for 340 people. I got to the hall at 6:00 p.m. and I had to wait for a seat.

Nice to meet you, Dan.

Albert J. Prokop
76 Summer Drive
Southwick

Condo Owner Complains About Treatment By Town

To The Editor:

During the recent Hazardous Material Disposal Day, I attempted to dispose of two tires. However, I was told that tires were not part of the collection. I approached Mayor Johnson and he said that I could dispose of the tires by taking them off the rim and putting them out one at a time for weekly collection.

I told the Mayor that because I live in a condominium, I do not have a weekly pickup by the city. His response was that I should contact my condo association about disposing of the tires.

I feel that as a condo owner who pays taxes like all other homeowners, I am being treated like a second-class citizen. I would appreciate the Mayor and city councilors looking into this situation and making arrangements for taxpayers who live in condos to be able to dispose of such items.

Sincerely,
Dennis S. Buell
Agawam

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Changes Can Be Made To Improve Youth Baseball

To The Editor:

Two weeks ago, I wrote a letter regarding the unfairness of coaches in the SHAA baseball league.

I'm pleased to say there are a lot of parents who feel the same way I do. So many people approached me the week the letter was printed, stating it was about time someone spoke up about this situation. I also heard the letter was brought to some games and passed around.

After speaking with the commissioner, I've decided to attend the next board meeting. I'm going to suggest that the following guidelines be followed by all coaches:

1. All players are to share the same amount of playing time (one child should not play the entire game while another sits out half the game).

2. Positions are to be rotated every inning (let the kids learn how to play each position and decide which they like best).

3. Batting orders are to be rotated every game (this will allow the players to share the same amount of batting time).

4. Don't emphasize winning. There's enough pressure on kids these days. Let them have fun playing ball.

Parents, I can't do this by myself. I need your support. If you agree with these guidelines, please either attend the next board on July 20th or send a letter, with signatures, addressed to the SHAA to my home by the middle of July (or, better yet, do both).

Together, we have a better chance of making these changes. Thanks for your support.

Laurie Lyman
63 Columbia Drive
Feeding Hills

On A Hot Summer Day, No Dogs In Locked Cars

To The Editor:

Summer is the time when many dog owners mean well by taking their dog for a ride in the car, but you could be risking their life.

Hot summer days inside a car heats very quickly; on an 85 degree day, the temperature inside your car, with windows slightly open, will reach 120 degrees in 10 minutes.

If you notice a dog in a car that looks in distress, call 911 or the MSPCA. A few minutes could mean the dog's life.

An incident happened to me, but I was fortunate to find the owner in time.

Susan Stevens
Concerned Citizens for Animals

New Town Resident Says He's Interested In Keenan

To The Editor:

As a new resident to Agawam, I attended a party for Dan Keenan which was held at the Polish American Club in Agawam on June 22nd.

I was shocked to see the number of people who attended this party. Some people were guessing that there were 550-575 people in attendance.

I have been reading that Dan Keenan is a newcomer to politics, however, he was able to attract people like a veteran.

This "new" kid looks good to me, as a State Representative.

Brian LaBombard
74 Dogwood Lane
Agawam

Agawam Obituaries

Irving R. LaFleur

Irving R. LaFleur, 84, of 14 Washington Avenue, a local civic leader, died Tuesday in a local nursing home.

He was a town tax collector for five years and retired in 1975. He worked earlier for 42 years at the former American Bosch Company plant in Springfield. He was paymaster and assistant budget director for general accounting, and retired in 1970.

He was the town moderator in 1953-54, and served as a selectman in 1956-58. He was a member of the original Town Manager Charter Committee, and served on the Agawam High School and Robinson Elementary School building committees.

Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, he moved here in 1944. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and president of its parish council for 10 years.

He was also president of the church's Catholic Men's Club, a member of its Over-50 Club, and a eucharistic minister.

He was in the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Williams Assembly, and was a grand knight and fourth-degree knight. He was the president of the American Bosch 25-Year Club, and served as treasurer of the American Bosch Management Club.

He leaves his wife of 59 years, the former Edna M. Charest; a son, Ronald I. of Scituate; a daughter, Celine G. McCarthy of Norwalk, Connecticut; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral is on Friday, July 1st, at the Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in the Agawam Center Cemetery. Calling hours are set for Thursday afternoon and evening.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund at 823 Main Street, Agawam, 01001.

Rose C. Moccio-Bavich

Rose C. (Buoniconti) Moccio-Bavich, 79, of 41B Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, a 25-year stitcher for the former Sheffield Upholstery of Holyoke, died at home.

Born in Agawam, she lived in this area all her life and was active with church and social groups. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a member of its Holy Rosary Society.

She also was a member of Chapter 1 of the Agawam Golden Agers, the Pheasant Hill Social Club, and St. Anthony's Auxiliary.

Her first husband, Nicholas Moccio, died in 1951, and her second husband, Steve Bavich, died in 1973.

She leaves a stepson, Steven Bavich of Texas; a sister, Edith T. Moccio of Agawam; and several grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Council on Aging, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or to the Visiting Nurse Association, 570 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Gertrude C. Weafer

Gertrude C. "Jane" Weafer, 83, of 39 Forest Road, Agawam, a retired nurse, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

She worked at Quincy Hospital and Providence Hospital and also at various hospitals in the New Smyrna Beach, Florida, area. She retired in 1968.

She was born in Boston and was a graduate of Choate Memorial Nursing Hospital. She was an Army Nursing Corps veteran of World War II.

She leaves a sister, Alice Tighe of West Springfield; a nephew, Charles Tighe of Westfield; and two nieces, Virginia Lamarche of Agawam (with whom she made her home), and Kathleen Downie of Easthampton.

A memorial service was held at St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery, Woburn, at the convenience of the family. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist's Building Fund, 833 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Frank R. Ferranti

Frank R. Ferranti, 80, of 23 Dover Street, Agawam, a 36-year employee of the former Railway Express Co. in Springfield, died in a local nursing home. He retired in 1972.

Born in West Springfield, he lived in this area most of his life, attending local schools. He was a member of the Stigmatine Fathers Scholarship Fund.

He leaves his wife, the former Pamela E. Bertrand; two sons, Richard F. of West Hartford, CT, and John J. of Southampton; a daughter, Joan M. D'Amato of Rockville, MD; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Colonial Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stigmatine Fathers Scholarship Fund, 103 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

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Margaret M. Mannix

Margaret M. (Foye) Mannix, of 127 Beekman Drive, Agawam, a former teacher in the Springfield School System and the High School of Commerce, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Lowell, she was a longtime Longmeadow resident before moving to Agawam 16 years ago. She was a graduate of Lowell High and the University of Lowell.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow, and a member and past president of its Ladies Guild. She was a member and past president of the Carew Hill Girls Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the Springfield Boys Club, a member of the Massachusetts Retired Teachers Association, and the College Club of Springfield.

On May 1st, 1985, former Springfield mayor Richard Neal declared it Margaret Mannix Day.

Her husband, John A. Mannix, former head of the Union News Classified Department, died in 1977.

She leaves a son, John E. of Windermere, Florida; a daughter, Maura Scannapieco of Wilbraham; a brother, Raymond of Lowell; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040, or the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701-4688.

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| Beef Round Cube Steak | \$2.89 Lb. |
| Beef Round Stew Beef | \$2.69 Lb. |
| Country Style Pork Ribs | \$1.69 Lb. |
| Skinless & Boneless Chicken Breast | \$2.69 Lb. |
| Janik Polish Kielbasa | \$2.39 Lb. |
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| Whole Boneless Rib Eyes | \$3.89 Lb. |
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| Boneless Club Steak | \$5.29 Lb. |
| Boneless Top Round London Broil | \$2.79 Lb. |
| Sirloin Kabobs | \$2.99 Lb. |
| Country Style Ribs | \$1.69 Lb. |
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| Sweet Life Beef Franks (1 Lb. Pkg.) | \$1.69 |
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| Whole Boneless Sirloins | \$2.19 Lb. |
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Sheriff Ashe Endorses Bitzas's Campaign For State Representative

State Representative Candidate and Agawam Council Vice President George Bitzas has won the endorsement of Hampden County Sheriff Michael Ashe.

Councilor Bitzas met with Sheriff Ashe in the District Attorney's office in Springfield. This is the second endorsement Bitzas has received; two weeks ago, the top law enforcement officer of Hampden County, District Attorney William Bennett, lent his support.

Bitzas is running for the Third Hampden District seat, which includes Agawam, Southwick, Tolland, Blandford, Granville, and Russell.

"George Bitzas, Agawam City Councilor, is a caring, hard-working, dedicated person who has served as a public servant with outstanding integrity, honor, and zeal," Sheriff Ashe said.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 7, 1994 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Claude Guidetti for a Revision to the Grading Plan for Glendale Road Ext.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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OBITUARIES -

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Michael D. Maltoni

Michael D. Maltoni, 54, of 161 Line Street, Feeding Hills, a project engineer for Hamilton Standard in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died at home.

Born in Springfield, he moved to Feeding Hills in 1971. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and served until 1957.

He leaves his father, Augusto L. Maltoni of Springfield; his former wife, Diane (Campurciani) Maltoni of Port Orange, Florida; a son, Robert J. of Deltona, Florida; a daughter, Tammy M. Maltoni of Port Orange; and a grandchild.

The funeral was held at Forastiere Funeral Home, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 505 North Parkway, Memphis, Tennessee, 38105, attn.: Memorials.



Looking Back...

Compiled and edited by
David C. Gallano

July 1973

JULY 2nd - ATTORNEY POSNIK TERMS BUDGET VALID

The legality of the 18-month budget came under scrutiny again Monday during the Town Council meeting.

Councilor Joseph Faucette questioned whether all items in the budget had received the required majority vote of the full council during the all-night budget meeting in May.

"I maintain there was some misappropriation by vote," Faucette said.

Town Counsel Jay Posnik said the council's final vote to approve the budget as a bulk appropriation covered individual appropriation. "You do have a valid budget appropriation in total," he said.

At the request of Councilor Kenneth Barnes, Posnik agreed to study whether individual budget appropriations that had not received a majority (eight) vote would have to be reallocated.

JULY 2nd - TOWN FIREFIGHTERS OK WORK CONTRACT

Firefighters Local 1973, AFL-CIO, has signed a new 30-month contract with the town which includes a reduction in hours from 48 to 42 hours a week per man.

The reduction in hours will take effect July 1, 1974, and will require the addition of five more firefighters, according to Juni Fontana, union president.

Firefighters will also receive a four percent cost of living increase during each of the next two fiscal years and a four percent increase retroactive over the past six months to January 1.

Union negotiators included Fontana, William Barker, Louis Calabrese, and St. David Cesan.

Negotiating for the town were Town Counsel Jay Posnik, Town Treasurer David Gallano, and Fire Chief Harry Schneider.

JULY 3rd - AGAWAM POLICE UNION SIGN LABOR CONTRACT

Local 370, of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers has signed an 18-month contract with the town, which calls for two four percent pay increases over the contract period.

Town Manager Westman said the contract was the result of many "long, hard negotiating sessions," and noted the contract was basically the

same as the previous contract.

Major aspect of the contract was the "re-establishment of the fact that town management has rights, too," Westman said.

The contract, signed late Saturday, just hours before the state deadline of July 1 for eligibility to receive retroactive pay, contains no provision for hiring additional officers to expand the department.

The salary scale, along with the new Fire Department contract salary scale, will now be submitted to the Town Council in the form of an ordinance for approval.

JULY 3rd - COUNCIL WILL PROBE ROUTE 57 HAZARDS

Safety hazards on Route 57 in Agawam will be investigated at an upcoming work session for the Town Council in the wake of an accident on the highway last week which took the life of an 18 year-old Agawam girl.

Councilor Kenneth Barnes said at a council meeting last night that he would like to see area legislators join in an investigation of poor lighting and other safety hazards on Route 57.

Diane Marie Pomeroy of 89 Brien Street, Agawam, died after she was struck by a car Thursday night as she attempted to cross the highway.

JULY 10th - RIVERSIDE PARK MAY GET \$50,000 IN TAX REFUNDS

Riverside Park has won an appeal to the state Appellate Tax Board and stands to receive as much as \$50,000 from the town in abatement refunds for the years 1970-1972.

In addition to the refunds, the town must also pay six percent interest on the approximately \$50,000 it would have held for the three years, according to Assessor Rudy Altobelli.

"The decision only lists buildings and land," Altobelli said. "We want to know if personal property is included in the tax board's valuation figure." Personal property would include all the rides, including the popular ferris wheel, roller-coaster, cyclone, and scrambler.

JULY 10th - NEW TOWN OFFICIAL BEGINS JOB

The town's new director of data processing began his duties Monday. Frederick E. Messier began immediate consultations with a representative from Honeywell Systems to acquaint himself with the town's new computer data processing system.

Messier will be responsible for uniting both town and school needs on the new computer. He will be doing what he termed "parallel runs" on both the new computer and the replaced IBM computer while switching over to the new system.

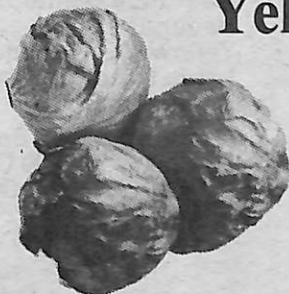
He was previously employed by Administrative Systems, Inc. of West Springfield. Terming his new position "much more of a challenge," Messier said he expects the system to be capable of considerable expansion.

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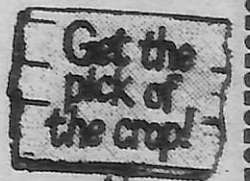


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*Budget Package Remains The Same...***Council Passes New Fiscal Budget**by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For the first time in five years, Agawam has its operating and capital budgets in place before July 1st, the start of the new fiscal year.

At a special meeting Monday night, Town Council gave unanimous approval to the \$38,378,068 spending package prepared by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

For the third time in two weeks, Johnson, along with Town Auditor Carol Taylor, appeared before the council to answer questions. At the two preceding budget workshops, the town's department heads were on hand to answer questions and explain their budget requests as the Mayor reviewed each of the town's nearly 30 cost centers, line item by line item.

With no suggestions for cuts raised at the workshop meetings with department heads, predictions of passage of the budget package with little debate proved to be off the mark.

With Councilor David Skolnick as the sole dissenter, council accepted a motion by Councilor Thomas Ennis to go through the budget by cost centers rather than consider the budget as a whole.

"I recall vividly that the Mayor and the department heads sat before us. We went through the work; there's no need to go through it again," Skolnick said.

After four attempts to cut the budget failed to win council approval, Ennis said he was wasting his breath trying to make cuts and wouldn't be able to get the votes even if he proposed cutting one dollar from the budget. Ennis said there seemed to be a "mind set" against making cuts from some councilors who "don't think for themselves or do their homework."

Ennis' First Proposal

Ennis first proposed to cut a portion of the \$3,807 in dues paid by the council for membership in the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Ennis suggested, and Councilor Gary Suffriti agreed, membership be retained only for council leader-

ship and the informational mailings sent by the association could then be copied and shared with the other councilors at a reduced cost.

Councilors Jill Simpson, Edward Caba, and Nancy Thompson Gravel argued that the value of membership in the MMA came not through their informational mailings, but from the networking services offered to councilors on a local, regional, and state-wide basis. Most importantly, they said, efforts of MMA in Boston as a lobbying group represent the interests of cities and towns in the legislature.

After Johnson explained that the membership dues paid to MMA are based on the population of the town (rather than on the number of councilors included as members), council defeated the cut with only Ennis and Suffriti voting in favor.

Ennis' attempt to cut \$250 for out-of-state travel from the council's portion of the budget was defeated with a vote of five yes and six no. Voting for the cut were Ennis, Suffriti, Caba, Walter Balboni, and Robert Danie. Against were Skolnick, President James Taylor, Vice-President George Bitzas, Vivian Dziardziel, Nancy Thompson Gravel, and Jill Simpson.

Freshman Councilor Robert Danie's proposal to cut \$5,000 from the postage account in the Mayor's Office also met with defeat in a seven to four vote. Danie said he proposed the cut because not all of the money appropriated last year was spent.

Questioning Danie's rationale behind the suggested cut, Johnson said it was his policy to make the best estimate possible when preparing the budget; however, department heads are instructed not to spend what is not needed. Johnson said making cuts based on last year's appropriation not being entirely spent would send a message to department heads to spend every penny. Funds not spent go into the free cash account, Johnson said.

Ennis said he objected to the tack the administration was taking. "We're just trying to do our jobs up here," Ennis said, "trying to cut a few dollars here and there."

Ennis' attempt to cut \$2,500 from the Mayor's postage account failed by one, with six councilors opposed and five in favor. Voting for the cut were Ennis, Suffriti, Balboni, Caba, and Danie; against were Taylor, Bitzas, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Dziardziel, Mrs. Thompson Gravel, and Skolnick.

Council Votes To Consider Entire Budget

After examining several of the town's cost centers, the council voted to suspend going through the budget by cost center and consider the entire budget package. Danie was the sole dissenter.

The \$38,378,068 in funding receipts reflects an overall increase in spending of \$1,859,824 (5.2%) over last year.

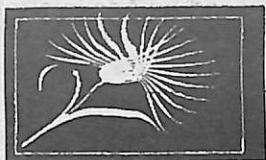
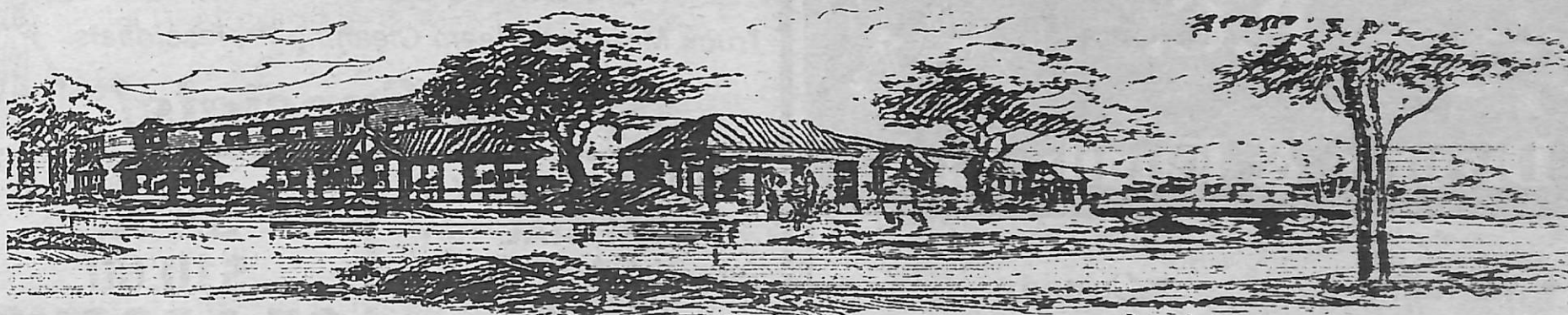
While local aid from the state is up \$559,302 over last year, the \$9,382,870 for 1995 is a reduction of nearly \$1.25 million in local aid from what the town received in 1989.

Without an override of Proposition 2½ or an increase in fees or a reduction in services provided to the town, Johnson has secured funding for several one-time capital expenditures, including two new computer systems as well as new vehicles for the Police and Fire Departments.

Johnson said, "Agawam is one of the few communities that has never (underscore never) attempted an override of Proposition 2½ for any purpose whatsoever."

In response to criticism that the town continues to raise taxes 2½% each year, Johnson said, "I don't like to say taxes are going up 2½%, but I'd rather say that than lay off teachers, police officers, or firefighters."

Offering a succinct summary of the budget, Balboni noted 4.5% of the increase was for salaries of town employees.

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New Members Of Police Auxiliary Sworn-In



NEW MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM POLICE AUXILIARY are being sworn-in by Town Clerk Richard Theroux. From left - (front row) Theroux, Jerry Scoville, auxiliary police captain; Jeff Campbell, Randy Housman, Tim Coffey, Philip LeClair, and Police Chief Robert Campbell. Back row - Mark Bluteau, Todd Jediny, Dennis King, Kiel Nardi, and Mark Poirier, auxiliary police training officer. The eight new members completed training at the Western Mass. Law Enforcement Training Academy in Feeding Hills, including firearms, CPR, and first aid. The group is receiving in-service training with the regular Agawam Police officers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, on THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of DEPALMA/PACELLA, INC., which is appealing the decision of the Fire Chief in accor-

dance with Section 2-8, Paragraph C of the Town Charter concerning the installation of automatic sprinklers at the premises identified as CASTLE HILLS CONDOMINIUMS, 133 SILVER STREET.

By order of Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

Published: June 30, 1994

LEGAL NOTICE

Walsh Acts To Diffuse Domestic Violence

Citing the need to end the epidemic of domestic violence, Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) has announced a series of measures recently adopted in the House which brings the Commonwealth one step closer to this goal.

Among the items passed are bills which: reform bail procedures, force accused abusers to surrender their guns, and fund domestic violence prevention programs. The moves, which have been hailed by advocates for battered women, seek to build on previous legislative efforts to address the problem.

"It is unfortunate that we in the Legislature find ourselves working on measures which are aimed to protect citizens in their own homes. We must, however, send a clear, strong, and unmistakable message to would-be perpetrators of domestic violence that it can not and will not be tolerated in any way," stated Rep. Walsh.

One of the Walsh-supported bills became law in early June. A section of the new law, called the "abuse prevention law," provides for the immediate suspension of a license to carry a firearm upon the issuance of a restraining order. The defendant would be further required to surrender any firearms and ammunition in their possession.

Another proposal which passed the House was legislation to reform bail procedures in the Commonwealth. If enacted, the new law would allow judges to consider the dangerousness of a defendant when setting bail. Currently, judges are only permitted to examine the probability of flight when deciding bail. If used properly, many believe this would keep the perpetrators of domestic violence (who more times than not are repeat offenders) off the street.

To further bolster this effort, the House appropriated monies in its FY'95 version of the state budget to increase domestic violence prevention programs by \$1.4 million and to fund a trust advocacy project. These advocacy projects would supplement the work being done within the domestic violence arms of the local District Attorney's office.

Walsh concluded by saying, "I am fully committed to giving our courts and public safety officials the resources necessary to end domestic violence. As a legislator, I stand ready to do all in my power to achieve this goal."

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Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For July 5th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 6/6/94;
Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 6/20/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
None.
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
- (a)
 1. TE-94-6-Election of a member to the A.E.D.I.C. to a term expiring July 1, 1997 (Ind. Development).
 2. TE-94-7-Election of a member to the A.E.D.I.C. to a term expiring July 1, 1997 (Citizen's At Large).
9. Public Hearings
- (a)
 1. PH-94-8-(TO-94-37)-Application for permit for Bowling Alley for Games & Lanes, 350 Walnut St. Ext., Aga., MA (Conduct Public Hearing).
 2. PH-94-9-(TO-94-40)-Application for permit for Bowling Alley for Agawam Bowl, 359 Walnut St. Ext., Aga., MA (Conduct Public Hearing).
 3. PH-94-10-(TO-94-41)-Application for permit for Bowling Alley for Agawam Bowl, 363 Walnut St. Ext., Aga., MA (Conduct Public Hearing).
10. Old Business
- (a) Orders
 1. TO-94-38-Voucher List (\$23.20).
 2. TO-94-39-Application for video permit for Agawam Bowl at 363 Walnut St. Ext., Aga., MA.

Melconian Lauds New Drunk Driving Law

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) recently announced, "Massachusetts' new anti-drunk driving law, which became effective Monday, June 27th, stiffens the penalties for repeat offenders operating under the influence (OUI) and lowers the blood alcohol content at which a person is presumed intoxicated for both adults and people under the age of 21 who drink and drive."

If a person is stopped for drunk driving, the officer is authorized to tear up his or her license on the spot if he/she fails the alcohol breath test or refuses to take the test. The loss of his/her license is automatic pending the outcome of a hearing.

In addition, the new drinking law lowers the legal blood alcohol limit from .10 to .08. If a man weighing 160 pounds consumes more than four drinks within an hour or a woman consumes more than three to 3½ drinks, they have exceeded the limit.

The blood alcohol limit for minors has been set at a low .02, which could be reached with as little

as one drink. "This law sends a message to drivers under age 21 that no drinking is acceptable," continued Melconian.

The sentences and fines for first-time offenders have been increased. A first offense will now be punishable by a maximum of 2½ years and a fine of \$500 to \$10,000.

"The law is aimed to severely prosecute repeat offenders," stated Melconian. The minimum and maximum penalties for second and subsequent drunk driving offenses have also been increased. The new penalties include a sentence of up to five years for third and subsequent offenses and classifies them as felonies; a fifth-time offender will lose his license for life.

"Party-goers arrested for drunk driving this 4th of July weekend will be in for a rude awakening if they expect to be treated sympathetically. Enjoy yourself this holiday weekend and remember, if you have been drinking, do not get behind the wheel of a car," concluded Melconian.

Walsh Announces House Approval Of 1994 Transit & Improvement Plan

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) has announced that the Massachusetts House of Representatives recently passed their version of the 1994 Transportation Development and Improvement Program.

This legislation will fund many much-needed road and bridge projects in the Commonwealth during the 1994 and subsequent construction seasons. Part of this legislation earmarked \$15.7 million for Phase II of the Route 57 project, in-

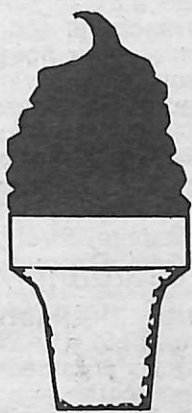
cluding monies for access ramps and connecting roads.

Rep. Walsh stated, "This money is essential for continuation of construction of this long-awaited road improvement plan in my district. I am very pleased that the other members of the House of Representatives saw the importance of this project and the obvious benefits it brings to the citizens of Western Massachusetts."

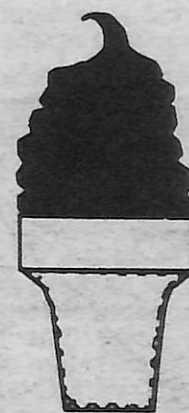
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Agawam Crime Prevention... Don't Slack Off On Safety This Summer!

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

Summer has arrived and thoughts are turning to vacations, picnics, and numerous other outdoor activities. Homes will be left open, and appliances such as gas grills, lawnmowers, and bicycles will be left outside.

It would be prudent to temper our thoughts of celebration with some simple rules to keep our property safe and secure. In order to keep ourselves from becoming victims of theft, the following are suggestions for consideration:

GAS GRILLS are most popular during this time of the year. Their marketability and numbers make them a target for thieves. They can and should be easily secured with a chain and lock. They should also be placed in an area where they can be accounted for everyday.

Many people who report them stolen cannot give the police an accurate time of theft because they go largely unnoticed between periods of use. The best idea would be to place them in a garage or locked shed. Propane tanks should be left outside to eliminate the possibility of explosion. Initials or numbers such as license or social security should be etched somewhere on the grill to allow for easier identification should your property be located.

LAWN FURNITURE, MOWING EQUIPMENT, LADDERS, and TOOLS should be stored away in a secure location after use and whenever possible. The rule is out of sight, out of mind. When leaving your home for **VACATION**, make sure to stop deliveries of newspapers and have someone pick up your mail daily. Notify police and a trusted neighbor of your planned absence and the length of time you will be away. Don't discuss your plans in public and be sure not to tell the newspapers of planned vacations or trips abroad.

Leave shades and blinds open and use a clock timer to turn lights on and off at appropriate times. Have a neighbor or relative enter your home and check the security as often as possible. In this way, lights on the timer can also be changed.

Leave emergency numbers where you can be reached in case of fire or other emergency. Keep valuables out of sight of windows and place money and jewelry in a safe deposit box. Arrange to have the lawn mowed or driveway and walks shoveled should your vacation be of a long duration. If possible, keep a car locked in the driveway.

The last person before leaving should make a final check all around the house to make sure doors and windows are locked and all sheds and exterior structures are secure. Turn down the ringer on the telephone in order to keep someone on the outside from hearing the sound of an unanswered call.

The reason for all these preparations is to make the house appear occupied during your absence while at the same time maintaining optimum security. Upon your return, should you suspect someone has entered your home, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO INVESTIGATE!** Go immediately to the nearest phone and contact the police.

Don't touch anything in or around the house because evidence can be easily erased or destroyed. Do not attempt to confront a burglar in or around your home. It has been attempted in the past and the results are sometimes tragic. When possible, get descriptions of people and vehicles from a distance and relay that information to the police as quickly as possible.

Hopefully by keeping these thoughts in mind, there will be fewer victims and this summer will be a pleasant and enjoyable experience.



AGAWAM FIREFIGHTERS who participated in a Northeast Firefighters' competition in Springfield included, from left - Pam Murphy, Gary Brown, Vin Pietroniro, Jose Vazquez, Jim Brown, and Nick Demko (team leader). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Firefighters Participate In Northeast Competition In Springfield

While wearing 75 pounds of protective clothing, breathing air that they are carrying on their backs, firefighters step forward to take their place on the starting line.

With temperatures in the upper 90's and oppressive humidity, the temperature inside their gear reaches almost unbearable temperatures. The starter yells "GO." The firefighters reach down and grab a 50-pound "high rise pack" (fire hose) and charge up the stairs that bring them 50 feet closer to the heavens.

The "high rise" pack is dropped in a marked off area and the firefighters go over to the rail where they must raise a roll of hose, tied off with a rope and weighing 50 pounds, over the top of the rail. They then proceed to descend the structure, making sure to make contact with every stair.

At the base of the tower awaits the Kieser Force Machine or slammer. It consists of a 165-pound weight that is driven five feet in a track by an eight-pound dead blow mallet. At this point, the arms are burning with pain and it seems like the airpump won't give you enough air to breathe.

The weight crosses the mark and the mallet is dropped. This is followed by a 140-foot walk to reach a charged 1 3/4" hoseline. This hoseline is then dragged 75 feet to a mark and water is played from the tip. With every last part of the body screaming to quit, the firefighters face the toughest part of the course, the victim drag.

A mannequin weighing 175 pounds must be moved a distance of 100 feet. With every last ounce of energy, the dummy is grabbed and the drag begins. Some firefighters make the drag and collapse at the finish line hoping only to get their gear ripped off so they can cool down, and to breathe air without a mask on.

Others struggle, some collapsing along the way. Driven on from the cheers of fellow competitors and the crowd, some are able to muster the strength to finish. Sometimes, even when the mind wants, the body is unable.

What was just described was the course that firefighters competed in June 18th, outside the Springfield Civic Center. Fire Departments from throughout the Northeast, as well as a team from Canada, competed.

Over 240 firefighters participated in the events. Because of the outstanding response of Massachusetts Fire Departments, coordinators may establish a competition solely for this state to be held next year in Springfield. The course was established by ARA Human Factors as a means of allowing firefighters to compete with each other using their skills in conditions that they face daily in the performance of their duties.

A group of firefighters from Agawam decided to enter the competition and began training on their own time in March. Many trained hard on their own as well as workout with the team.

Because of the lack of funding, equipment to train on was improvised or borrowed from neighboring communities. Westover Fire provided the rescue mannequin, Springfield Fire provided a makeshift Keiser machine that they had trained on prior to getting their machine, and West Springfield allowed the use of their hose tower to train in. Initially, the fire tower on Provin Mountain was used for climbing and ingenuity provided the rest.

The contest called for a team of five firefighters. After many grueling hours of training, the field was reduced to five - Lt. Gary Brown, Lt. James Brown, Lt. Nick Demko, Firefighter Pam Murphy, and Firefighter Vinny Pietroniro.

As the competition approached, the team started practicing with firefighters from Southwick and West Springfield. The Wednesday before the event, Lt. Demko sprained his ankle during a practice run. With short notice, Firefighter Jose Vasquez rounded out the team.

This was the first time the Agawam Fire Department has ever competed in an event such as this. Team members as well as others in the Department are looking forward to next year's competition with great enthusiasm, expecting to greatly improve on this year's times.

The training will begin almost immediately, giving the team members a greater chance of success as well as making the team a top contender. Hopefully, monies can be raised from donations to purchase the proper equipment to train on during the year.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, on **THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1994 at 6:45 P.M.** o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of **PRINCESS REALTY, INC.**, which is appealing the decision of the Fire Chief in accordance with Section 2-8, Paragraph C of the Town Charter concerning the installation of automatic sprinklers at the premises identified as **Longbrook Estates Condominiums, 1485 Suffield Street.**

By order of Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Keenan Committee Delighted Over Huge Turnout

The Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills was the scene of a meatball and macaroni dinner on Wednesday, June 22nd.

The event was advertised as a "Meet the Candidate" party for political newcomer Dan Keenan, a candidate for State Representative, now held by Michael P. Walsh.

A total of 512 enthusiastic supporters showed up to meet and greet Dan Keenan while enjoying a great pasta and meatball dinner.

Keenan, an attorney with the Law Firm of Arvanitis, Phelon and Molta, is making his first bid for public office. Several observers expressed total surprise that a newcomer could draw this type of support. One observer stated, "The parking lot was full and I couldn't find a seat in the house. I had to eat outside."

Many in attendance credit Keenan's early success to his truly impressive qualifications and his determination to meet the voters by going door-to-door. Robert Molta, Keenan's campaign chairman, stated, "There is no question Dan Keenan is a serious candidate with much to offer the residents of the Third Hampden District." Molta also stated that Keenan will run a positive campaign aimed at meeting the voters' concerns.

The Committee to Elect Dan Keenan would like to thank the following who made Dan Keenan's Pasta Dinner such a great success:

William Farwell, Sr., Jim Griffin, Ken Grady, Walter Kerr, Eva Nascembeni, Ernie & Art Book, Frank Gatti, Bill Farwell, Jr., Betty Grady, Margaret Colburn, Tom Leahy, Joanne Willis, Ralph Liptak, Noreen Poole, Janis Phaneuf, Mary Manning, and Phil Vecchiarelli, Sr.

Thank you all so much.

Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Spectacular, But Dangerous—Fireworks

The National Fire Protection Association reports that an average of 10,000 hospital-treated fireworks injuries have occurred in the United States over the last several years. In 1985, for example, 15 civilian deaths were caused by fireworks-related fires, with another 11 caused directly by fireworks injuries. Also in 1985, \$36.4 million in direct property damage resulted from fires started by fireworks.

Most fireworks injuries occur around the Fourth of July celebration, but are not limited to that holiday. Many other holidays—Christmas, New Year's, Labor Day, etc.—have fireworks as a part of their celebration.

How can you use fireworks safely? There are no safe ways. Leave the use of fireworks to the professionals, people who are trained in their proper use. In many areas, fireworks are illegal; for the safety of you, your family, and friends, obey the law.

The Agawam Fire Department reminds you that fireworks are explosives that are unpredictable and can be deadly.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 7, 1994 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a request to change the street name of Lancaster Place.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

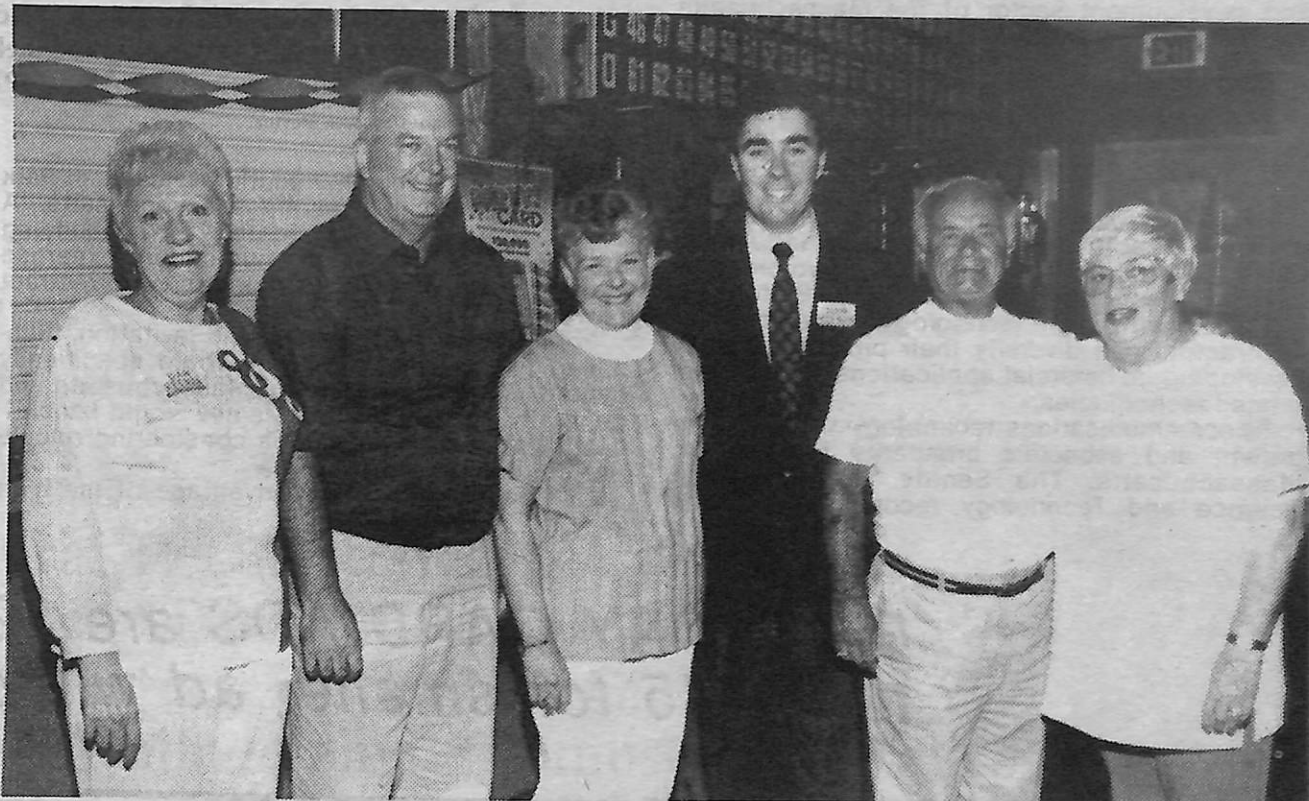
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STATE REP. CANDIDATE DANIEL KEENAN (standing - center) with members of his campaign committee at a macaroni & meatball dinner last Wednesday night at the Polish Club. Standing - Bob Molta and Cathy Sheehan; seated - Janis Phaneuf, and Noreen Poole.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STATE REP. CANDIDATE DANIEL KEENAN with supporters at his macaroni and meatball supper last Wednesday night. From left - Mary Leahy, Larry Sheehan, Pat Sheehan, Bob Brock, and Rosemary Brock. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DANIEL KEENAN CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS who volunteered their time in the kitchen for last Wednesday night's macaroni and meatball supper included, from left - Bill Farwell, Bill Farwell, Sr., Walter T. Kerr, Margaret Colburn, Ken Grady, and Betty Grady. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Melconian Committee Issues Report On New Technologies

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, has announced that the Committee has released a report, "Meeting the Bay State Challenge," Volume Two, which builds upon an earlier report issued in March, 1994. This report outlines a strategy to stimulate economic growth among rapidly developing high technology industries.

The Committee analyzed four emerging technologies in which Massachusetts enjoys a competitive advantage: telecommunications, marine science, environmental technologies, and high-speed ground transportation (maglev). "New ideas and innovation have always driven the Commonwealth's economy. Massachusetts must expand its economic base to take advantage of our unparalleled research and development infrastructure," said Melconian.

Regionalization is the cornerstone of the blueprint for economic development outlined in Volume One of "Meeting the Baystate Challenge." "Public policy initiatives must be tailored to the unique strengths and weaknesses of Massachusetts' seven regions. Linking academia, private industry, and government in a strategic partnership will maximize the growth of industrial technological clusters within the state," she stated.

Melconian continued, "Long-term growth requires public/private collaborations that develop the manufacturing sector as well as the research and development sector of the Massachusetts economy. Massachusetts must stop the erosion in its manufacturing base." The technologies developed in Massachusetts are often manufactured by companies located in other states or overseas. The downsizing of defense industry giants such as Raytheon has exacerbated the problem.

New technologies can replace employment losses in traditional manufacturing industries. Every industry examined in Volume Two presents opportunities for defense conversion. By forming alliances with high technology firms, defense contractors can diversify their product base by developing commercial applications for defense-related technologies.

Telecommunications technology will spur job growth and economic prosperity for Western Massachusetts. The Senate Committee on Science and Technology recommends in the

Keenan Supporters Out in Force For Supper



SUPPORTERS OF THE STATE REP. candidacy of Daniel Keenan turned out in huge numbers last Wednesday night for a macaroni and meatball supper. Supporters who volunteered their time on the serving line included, from left - Tom Leahy, Jim Griffin, Eva Nascembini, and Ernie Book. RELATED PHOTO AND STORY ON PREVIOUS PAGE.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

report that a Telecommunications Research Park be established in Western Massachusetts. A Telecommunications Research Park, building upon the cluster of telecommunications expertise existing in Western Massachusetts, would attract new companies to the region.

Implementation of a magnetic levitation, high-speed transportation system would specifically benefit Central and Western Massachusetts and generally the entire state. Maglev would knock down barriers to companies considering relocation in the Springfield area.

Companies could take advantage of the high

quality of life the greater Springfield area has to offer while being accessible to urban hubs such as Boston and New York City. The Senate Committee on Science and Technology was the catalyst for doubling the appropriation for maglev research and development to \$1.5 million in the Transportation Bond Bill which was recently passed by the House of Representatives.

"The recommendations contained in this report will move Massachusetts forward into the global economy of the 21st century with a concrete plan for economic prosperity," concluded Melconian.

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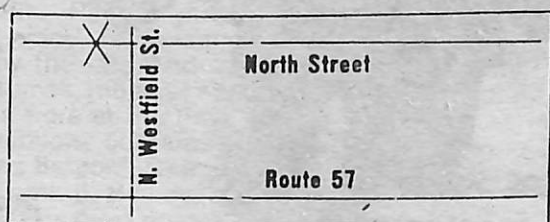
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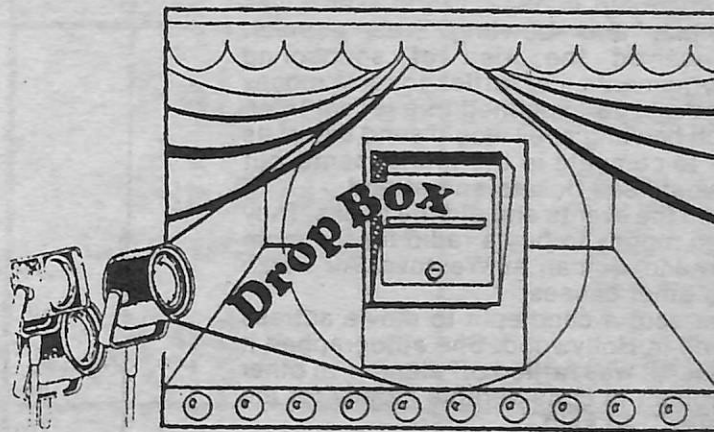
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Families



JO LANGO was honored for being the longtime secretary of the Tri-Parish Bowling League by members Jay Lagoditz (left) and Debbie Poirier; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Jo (seated left) is pictured with her two sisters, Amy and Jean. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Jo Lango Honored For 50 Years As Secretary Of Tri-Parish Bowling League

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

A bowling candlepin autographed by a movie star, an engraved clock honoring services rendered, scrapbooks of programs, theater publicity, and news clippings, are among the souvenirs of Josephine (Jo) Lango of 144 Rowley Street, Feeding Hills.

Jo, along with her sisters Jean and Amy, live at the Rowley Street address in the house their father built in the early 1900's and they grew up in.

Jo, the eldest, has had one long love affair with candlepin bowling, being secretary of a candlepin league for 50 years. She was recently honored for this service by Agawam's Tri-Parish Bowling League.

She started bowling in the Downtown Bowling League of Springfield in 1942. World War II was going full-blast, and bowling was popular. Bowlers conceived the idea of sponsoring townwide tournaments and raffles to raise money for worthy causes. Jo explained in a recent interview that each bowling alley would send five of its best bowlers to compete in the tournaments, but all bowlers would sell tickets and attend.

Jo organized the events and did the books. They raised enough money to buy a radio for the room of every man and woman at Westover Air Force Base, among other causes.

One bowler sent a candlepin to movie actress Eleanor Powell in Hollywood. She autographed it and returned it. "It was raffled off along with other items and brought in considerable money for the Springfield area," Jo said.

As Jo recalls, the man who came into possession of the autographed candlepin didn't keep it, but sought Jo out through a cousin and presented her with the pin in appreciation of all the work she had done with the Springfield leagues to raise funds (primarily for projects associated with the war effort).

Eleanor Powell had written in blue ink on the candlepin:

*"To a real American—
Best of luck always
From your dancing friend."*
Eleanor Powell, 1994.

Years later (around the 1960's), Eleanor Powell starred in a show at the Storowton Tent Theater on the Eastern States Exposition grounds. Jo, along with her sisters, Jean and Amy, attended and showed Eleanor the candlepin she had signed. Expressing pleasure at seeing it, Miss Powell said she was glad Jo had received it.

Forming A Church Bowling League

In 1944, a priest at St. Anthony's Church (where the Lango family attended) was seeking ways to

raise money, and Jo said she casually suggested a bowling league. Two months later, she was asked to organize a league for St. Anthony's and Sacred Heart Churches. And she did. In 1951, the name was changed to the Tri-Parish League to include St. Ann's Church in West Springfield.

All these 50 years Jo has been secretary and/or treasurer, as well as publishing scores. Since 1981 she has written a column on the league, its activities, and personalities for *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

The league that one time met at Riverside Bowling Alleys changed to the Rack and Cue Alleys on Walnut Street (Agawam Bowl), where they still

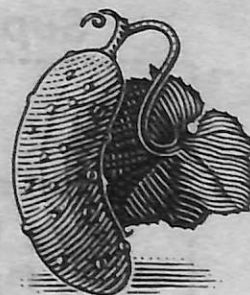
meet. Eventually, the stairs down to the alleys and a weak back caused Jo to stop bowling, but she continued with the books. Poor health also caused Jean Lango to stop bowling, but she says she still loves it.

Since Jo doesn't go to the games, the members bring the scores to her home and she compiles the records and writes her column from there. Facts can become blurred with the passage of so much time, but what one sister doesn't remember another does, and they complement and enjoy one another.

SEE JO LANGO - Page 17...

Don't get caught in a pickle.

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JO LANGO - from Page 16...

A history of the Tri-Parish League was written by Jo for the 50th Anniversary and Annual Banquet Program celebrated in May at the Polish Club. The program was printed for the second year by Jo's nephew, Donald Lango of Southwick. A beautiful clock encased in plastic with a wood stand and the engraving in bronze was presented to Jo at the banquet. It reads:

*Jo Lango
Tri-Parish League Founder
50 Years, 1944-1994*

Asked if she ever got tired of the secretarial work, she replied, "No, that is what I do. I love bowling and I love doing it (the secretarial work)."

Memories Of "Stage Shows"

Stage shows that Jo organized, directed, and did public relations for are depicted in newspaper clippings in another scrapbook. They were church shows with her sisters and friends participating. Two of them were "Springfield Revue" and "Cinderella Rose," staged around 1936. The sisters enjoy reminiscing about the scenery (made by the late Andrew Gallano of Agawam), the costumes, musical numbers, and how the participants were at the time.

The publicity contains such long-time Agawam names as Balboni, Gamelli, Serra, Loccardi, Montagna, Ferranti, Hewey, and Alvergini.

The sisters grew up on Rowley Street in a family of nine. One brother, Frank, lives in Springfield, and another, Albert, resides in Enfield, Connecticut. Brothers Anthony and Alphonse are deceased, as are sisters Mary and Lucille.

Their parents, Margaret and Donald Lango, were immigrants from Italy and were married around 1908 (about the time they purchased the Rowley Street land to build their home). There are also 10 acres that are rented for farming. Their father was employed by the Springfield Gas Light Company and farmed in Agawam.

The children went to Agawam High School, and Jo considered herself fortunate to secure a job in the billing department of the Huntington Company of Springfield upon graduation. Jobs were hard to come by because of the Great Depression, and her getting it was a fluke; the elevator operator in the Springfield building sent her to the wrong office and the owner decided to give her a chance. She stayed for 50 years and retired in 1978 (when the book-distributing company moved south).

Jean also worked for the Huntington Company for 38 years after spending some time with the National Grange Magazine Company as a secretary. Amy retired in 1992 from Heritage Bank (when it was taken over by Fleet Bank); she was an administrative secretary. Jean enjoys watching and feeding wild birds in the area of their home, Amy spends time with the garden, and Jo writes.

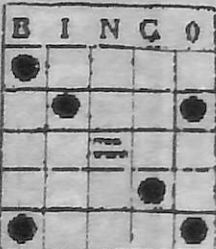
The Tri-Parish League consists of 20 women, 20 men, and about 18 substitutes. Their names and scores are listed in the anniversary program, as well as the names of priests over the years of the sponsoring churches. League officers named in addition to Jo are President Jay Lagoditz of Main Street, and Treasurer Debbie Poirier of Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

The League has asked Jo to continue as corresponding secretary next year, but she said she hasn't committed herself. She admits, however, that old habits are hard to break.

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Ag. Senior Center's July Events Calendar

Friday, July 1st: NO diabetic screening.
 Monday, July 4th: Senior Center closed.
 Tuesday, July 5th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders). By appointment.
 Tuesday, July 5th: 11:30 a.m. Birthday-anniversary celebration. By reservation.
 Tuesday, July 5th: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check. No appointment needed.
 Wednesday, July 6th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Haynes. By appointment.
 Wednesday, July 6th: 9:00 a.m. "Friends" board meeting.
 Wednesday, July 6th: 1:30 p.m. NO Golden Agers meeting.
 Monday, July 11th: 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bingo.
 Tuesday, July 12th: 12:30 p.m. Special presentation - "Balancing Your Checkbook," courtesy of Fleet Bank, with Joan Boudle, branch manager.
 Wednesday, July 13th: 1:30 p.m. Chapter 1 Golden Agers meeting.
 Thursday, July 14th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Salem. By appointment.
 Saturday, July 16th: 5:30 p.m. Saturday Nite Bingo.
 Monday, July 18th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.
 Tuesday, July 19th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE representative. By appointment.
 Tuesday, July 19th: 1:00 p.m. Council on Aging board meeting.
 Wednesday, July 20th: 1:30 p.m. Chapter 2 Golden Agers meeting.
 Thursday, July 21st: 9:15 a.m. Foot care nurses. By appointment.
 Thursday, July 21st: 10:00 a.m. Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA) monthly meeting.
 Monday, July 25th: No AARP meeting on this date.
 Tuesday, July 26th: 2:00 p.m. Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan. By appointment.
 Wednesday, July 27th: 1:30 p.m. No Golden Agers meeting on this date.
 Friday, July 29th: 9:15 a.m. Weldon Hearing Center Hearing Van. By appointment.

AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER NEWS AND NOTES Special Notices:

As usual, all classes at the Senior Center will

be on "summer break" for July and August. Registration for the fall semester is scheduled for the two days after Labor Day:

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6th and 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (All classes will commence on Monday, September 12th, so mark your calendars now!)

All other activities are still ongoing: the "special 12:30 programs"; lunch will continue to be served; Bingo will continue on Monday afternoon and Saturday nights; the TV will always be available to watch; and (of course!) the air-conditioning will keep it comfortable during the hot days of summer when you come to visit.

Diabetic Screening:

There will be no diabetic screenings during July and August. Please call Mrs. Rivers (Health Dept) at extension 207 if you need to speak to her about your diabetic check.

June Birthday And Anniversary Celebration:

Congratulations to Laura Dugan, who celebrated her 86th birthday, and to Angie Bachelder, who celebrated her 89th birthday.

Celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary were Isabelle and Tony Caplate.

Just a reminder ... birthday and anniversary celebrations are held on the first Tuesday of the month. You can call in your reservation if you have a birthday or an anniversary coming up (advance notice is a must); call 786-0400, extension 242.

"Agawam Senior Games Athletes" (ASGA):

The "Agawam Senior Games Athletes" (ASGA) organization held its election of officers on Thursday, June 9th, at the Agawam Senior Center. The new slate of officers for 1994-95 is as follows: Vi Presz, President; Chet Comins, Vice-President; Janice Bonk, Recording Secretary; Ted Cutler, Treasurer; and Sandra Smith, Public Relations.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Agawam Senior Center.

ASGA is open to athletes 55 years of age and up who are residents of Agawam. Please call the Senior Center if you would like to become a part of this great team of athletes.

A special salute goes out to Desiree Jacobs (outgoing President), who has done an exceptional job as the first President of ASGA for two terms.

Please feel free to call the Senior Center for more information.

Bowlers ... Bowlers ... Bowlers!

For any of you 10-pin bowlers out there, we are now forming a "Bowl For Fun" group to be held on a Monday or a Friday (early evening) starting in August. Now, are you ready for this? All this fun will take place right in our own backyard—a place called "Games and Lanes."

Games and Lanes is located on Walnut Street Extension (across from Wimpy's). The availability of lanes will be limited, so please don't hesitate to reserve.

If you are interested in joining the fun, call the Senior Center (Sandra Smith, Activities) at 786-0400, ext. 242, or Games and Lanes, 789-3273 (Robert Brunell, proprietor).

Trips:

* **Roseland Resort ... Italian Fest** - September 15th, 1994. \$42 per person inclusive.

* **Spirit of Boston Lobster Bake Cruise** - September 19th, 1994. \$49 per person inclusive.

(It's not too early to put a deposit on the above trips; they are filling up fast.)

Deep-Sea Fishing Trip:

A deep-sea fishing trip is being planned for Tuesday, September 13th. The price will be under \$40 per person. The destination is Niantic, Connecticut. The time—departure at 9:00 a.m., and return by 7:30 p.m.

Lunch will be included along with bait, poles, and transportation. We will be fishing for "blues."

If you are interested in this trip at such a reasonable price, now is the time to reserve (as we expect a sell-out). For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242 (activities).

Ladies' Golf League And Clinic:

We are now accepting names for a Women's Golf Clinic and a Women's Golf League. All women 55 years of age and over are welcome to sign up.

Time is running short, so don't hesitate to call 786-0400, ext. 242 (activities).

Food for thought ... the minimum age for the Senior Games Olympics is 55, so why not get yourself ready for competing in the 1995 games?

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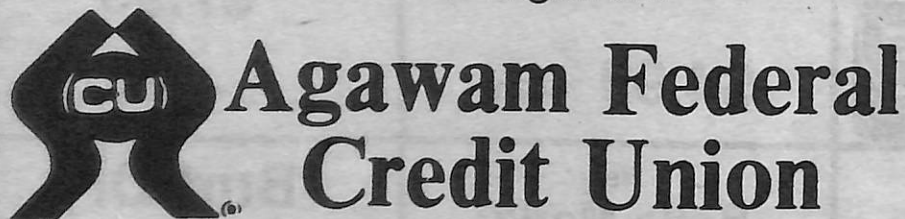
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Heritage Hall Residents Enjoy Strawberries



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS Harry Cahoon (left) and Michael Zaman enjoy fresh strawberry shortcake last week. The residents say they can't get enough of the tasty treats. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Heritage Hall Is Recruiting Junior Summer Volunteers

It's summertime and the kids are complaining that there is nothing to do. Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is currently recruiting and training junior volunteers to help with recreational activities.

Children over the age of 12 can work with Heritage Hall residents by visiting, calling Bingo, creating crafts, painting, walking, serving ice cream, organizing picnics and social gatherings, singing, dancing, or playing an instrument. The list of programs is endless.

Junior volunteers must be mature, capable of working on a project with little supervision, and comfortable in an nursing home environment. Parents can contact Brenda Marsian at 786-8000 for details.

Steven M. Cournoyer Finishes U.S. Army Leadership Course

Army Reserve Spec. Steven M. Cournoyer has completed a U.S. Army primary leadership development course at Fort Indiantown Gap in Annville, Pennsylvania.

Students received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles, and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment.

Cournoyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cournoyer of 4 Loomis Avenue, Holyoke. His wife, Sharon, is the daughter of Dick Kiddy of Agawam.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 4th: Senior Center closed (Fourth of July).

Tuesday, July 5th: Birthdays & anniversaries—Pasta & egg soup, chicken filet on roll, tossed salad, cake.

Wednesday, July 6th: Meatballs & ziti, broccoli & cauliflower, garlic bread, blackberry cup with whipped topping.

Thursday, July 7th: Chicken a-laking, fluffy white rice, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, July 8th: Baked fish, rice pilaf, carrot coins, rye bread, canned pears.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Polish-American Club To Host Polish Picnic This Saturday, July 2nd

This Saturday, July 2nd, the Polish-American Club of Agawam will be featuring two great Polish-American bands of the past who've been with us over the years and are still going strong.

Gene Wisnieski and Ray Henry, well-known band leaders along the eastern seaboard, cordially invite you to an old-fashioned Polish picnic on the grounds of the Polish-American Club, 139 Southwick Street (Rte. 57), Feeding Hills. There will be continuous music from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., with doors opening at 1:00 p.m.

Not only will you be entertained with good music, but you'll also have the opportunity to purchase Polish-American foods and win raffles and door prizes.

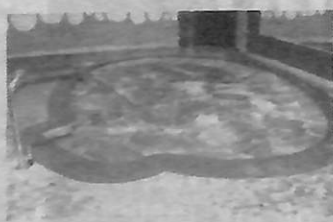
There is an admission fee of \$12 per person; however, children under the age of 12 will be admitted free.

Remember the date—Saturday, July 2nd. This celebration of Polish-American culture will be a great way to kick-off the holiday weekend!

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PROVIN MOUNTAIN FARMS employee Sean Szczygiel takes care of business on Saturday. The farm is located on North West Street in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Senior Men's Pool Club Wins Fifth Straight Title

The Agawam Senior Men's Pool Club has won its fifth consecutive InterCity Billiards League Championship. The Agawam team has now won every title since the league's inception.

Also competing in the 12-week tournament were teams from South Hadley, West Springfield, and Enfield, CT.

The final point standings in the Eight Ball format were: Agawam, 174; Enfield, 166; West Springfield, 161; and South Hadley, 150.

Agawam's team members were Alex Moodie (Captain), John Balas, Bob Fornier, Charlie Rascona, James Quinn, Chet Comins, Norm Ringuette, Bill Case, Ted Dynia, Joe Martinelli, and Rene Lariviere.



JOE & MARY ANN CZERPAK admire their strawberry field in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

STRAWBERRIES - from Page 1...

Early Glow One Of The Sweetest Varieties

Here in Western Massachusetts, the most common varieties of the strawberries include the early glow, jewel, and the allstar. The early glow is the earliest berry and one of the sweetest. As Michael Cecchi of **E. Cecchi Farms**, 1131 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills explained, all of the berries are great tasting. "If they aren't good, we don't grow them." And Cecchi Farms has been growing strawberries for approximately 50 years here in town.

Fruit lovers from all over the New England area have traveled to the handful of farms here in Agawam to get a taste of our strawberries. According to Cecchi, customers come from the likes of Connecticut and Vermont just for a basket or two of Agawam strawberries. Cecchi estimates that over 1,000 quarts of their strawberries are sold each season.

For the past few years now, **E. Cecchi Farms** has been doing the picking for their customers. With such high demand, they found this way to be the easiest and most efficient. If having the

delicious, red strawberries waiting for you at the farm stand is your style, **E. Cecchi Farms** is open at 9:00 a.m., seven days a week (closing at 8:00 p.m. during the week and at 7:00 p.m. on the weekends).

If sitting in the dirt and plucking your own strawberries in the great outdoors is more your style, there are farms in town for you: **Noel E. Brown & Sons Provin Mountain Farm**, **Czerpak Farm**, and **Kisinski Farm**, all of which have home-grown berries ready for picking.

Season Coming To A Close

Anyway you get your strawberries, either buying them at your local farm stand or picking them yourself, one thing is for sure—you will enjoy them. Strawberry Season is the most popular season in town. But berry season will soon be drawing to a close, so get moving.

After Strawberry Season has left us, we will have many more crops to look forward to. Coming in July are native tomatoes, which are just as popular as strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, squash, and peaches. The farm stand's fruits, vegetables, and flowers will continue throughout the summer.

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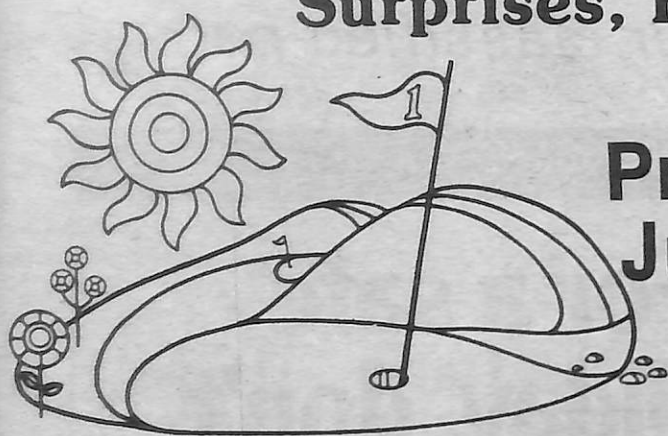
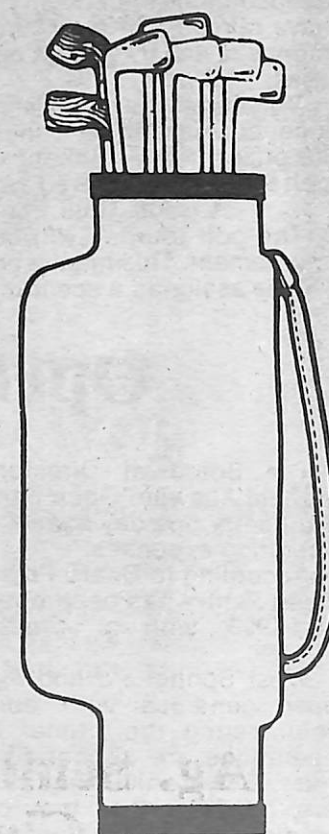
Friday, July 15th: **Grip, Stance, Set-Up**

Monday, July 18th: **Beginning Of Swing, Chipping & Putting**

Friday, July 22nd: **Completion Of Back Swing**

Monday, July 25th: **Foot Work & Weight Shift**

Friday, July 29th: **Tournament, Prizes & Surprises, Farewell**



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Lisa Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament, Picnic Being Planned For Ag. Country Club, VFW

by Holly Pevzner
Advertiser News Staff

On Sunday, July 10th, the town-owned Agawam Country Club, located at 128 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, will host the Third Annual Lisa Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament.

Lisa, a 24 year-old teacher's aide at Agawam Middle School, was found dead Easter Sunday 1992 in a wooded field on Suffield Street. As a continuing effort to keep Lisa's memory and spirit alive, the Ziegert Family has set up a memorial fund and scholarship.

The Lisa Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament was started in 1992 when former club Manager Carlo Simeoli approached the Ziegert family with the idea. Simeoli, along with a band of volunteers, organized the entire event.

This year, now that the town has acquired ownership of the country club, volunteers are needed more than ever. Many Agawam residents have already offered their valuable time and money to see this event become a three-time success.

Volunteers have been making their rounds to local businesses for donations of money and raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will be available at the golf tournament as well as a picnic that same day.

A Good Time For A Good Cause

The golf tourney will be set up for a shotgun tournament. This means each foursome of golfers will be assigned a specific hole to start from. This

allows for everyone to begin at the same time and even the inexperienced golfer can enjoy the outing. Prizes will also be given out for efforts on the green. To those individuals who have the longest drive and who can get the ball closest to the pin, a prize will be handed out.

Approximately 130 golfers have signed up to participate in the event. Because of the overwhelming response, no more people will be allowed to sign up for the golf tournament. Even if one misses out and isn't able to golf this year, one can still participate in the day's activities.

The VFW Post at 194 South Street, Agawam will be holding the picnic to benefit the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Fund on their grounds. The affair begins at 12:00 noon that same Sunday. The cost is a \$5 donation for adults and \$3 for those between 13 and 18 years-old. For children 12 and younger, their admission is free as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

The organizers of the picnic urge those planning on attending the event to call ahead of time (786-2098 or 786-4960). This will allow enough food to be there for everyone to enjoy. Volunteers will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, and more.

Proceeds To Benefit Scholarship Fund

Funds raised from both of these events will go into the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Fund. That money

will, in turn, go toward the scholarship fund. In the past, funds earned have been used for camps as well. A campership is like a scholarship given to children who otherwise would not be able to attend the town's Perry Lane Camp over the summer. Lisa Ziegert had been a beloved counselor there for several years.

The fund also goes towards an annual scholarship given to an Agawam High School senior. This scholarship is not solely based on academic achievements. Since Lisa had a great love for children, what the committee really focuses on is the student's genuine feeling towards youth. This is known through an essay written by the applicant.

This year, about 20 students tried for the award and Yolanda Ciarmatori came out on top. Yolanda will continue her education at Westfield State College with a major of elementary education.

The Ziegert Family would like to extend their thanks to all of the citizens of Agawam for their continued support. Dee Ziegert, Lisa's mother, told *The AAN*, "The town has been extremely supportive in keeping Lisa's memory alive. She belonged to them as well as us."

This year, the fundraising events hope to pull in about \$2,000. With the help of the residents of Agawam, Lisa Ziegert will never be forgotten.

Open Pantry Cutting Hours To Help Budget

The Board of Directors of the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry has voted to close the Pantry one day a week starting in July to cut operating expenses.

According to Board President Don Conklin, the Open Pantry has been operating in the red since mid-1993, with a cumulative loss of nearly \$30,000.

West Springfield and Agawam residents have been generous with donations of food and volunteering their time. Most of the Pantry's operations are supported through volunteer efforts. But, Conklin points out, the Open Pantry also needs cash to cover operating expenses, including a small staff, utility bills, insurance costs, and maintenance.

The Pantry has a staff of eight, three working 32 hours weeks, and five working half-time. Supplemented by volunteers, the staff oversees the Pantry's breakfast and lunch programs, distribution of clothing and emergency groceries, advocacy to help patrons find other services, housing and jobs, and the Parent-Child program to

assist parents and children in returning to the mainstream of community life.

Last year, the Pantry served nearly 25,000 meals and over 2,900 people received emergency groceries, including nearly 1,400 children. Over 1,800 households received free clothing, and overall more than 11,000 people were assisted by the Pantry.

Cash contributions have not kept pace with the demands on the Pantry. Expenses have increased very modestly, but through May 1994, contributions have fallen to 54 percent of the 1992 cash donations for the same period.

Conklin attributes the decline to the general economic situation in the area, where most organizations are suffering cutbacks. "In addition, many people probably don't think of the Pantry needing cash," Conklin said.

"People tend to focus on food and clothing, which are certainly needed, but the Pantry also needs cash to pay the gas and electric bills."

Conklin also noted that there may be some people who don't realize that the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry is entirely separate

from the Springfield Open Pantry and any contributions to the Springfield operation don't benefit the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry at all.

So far, the Pantry has covered expenses by drawing on its limited cash reserves. But there simply isn't enough left to continue to cover operating deficits. As a result, the Board reluctantly decided to close the Pantry every Thursday, starting July 7th.

This will help reduce the drain on the small amount of reserves left, but will not put the Pantry in the black. Only a substantial increase in the level of contributions will do that.

"The people and families who depend on our services are the ones who will suffer from this cut-back," said Conklin. "But I'm optimistic that the residents of West Springfield and Agawam will demonstrate the support they have always shown for the Open Pantry and we'll be able to get back to full service."

For further information, call Donald J. Conklin, 733-1475, or Bruce Ackerman, 786-7600.

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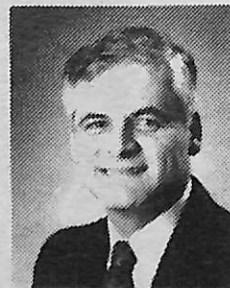
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Beth Ann Falcetti Weds Brian W. Hoskin

Beth Ann Falcetti and Brian W. Hoskin were united in matrimony on Saturday, May 21st, 1994 at a 10:00 a.m. ceremony at St. Mary's Church in Westfield. The nuptials were conducted by Reverend Frank Rogers, and a reception followed at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

The parents of the bride are Karen R. Falcetti of Westfield and Richard T. Falcetti of Wylie, Texas. The parents of the groom are Beverly Ciborowski of Feeding Hills and William R. Hoskin of Westfield.

Deena M. Kelly of Norfolk, Virginia, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Elizabeth Vitorino, sister-in-law of the bride from Ludlow; Julie Latour, cousin of the bride from Westfield; Sally Hoskin, sister-in-law of the groom from Springfield; Eileen Maunsell, friend of the bride and groom from Westfield; and Jennifer Rollins, friend of the bride and groom from Hatfield. The flower girl was Alicia Zigmont of Hatfield.

William R. Hoskin, the groom's father, served as best man. Ushers were Rick Falcetti, brother of the bride from Westfield; Dan Falcetti, brother of the bride from Westfield; Billy Hoskin, brother of the groom from Westfield; Brian Pioggia, friend of the bride and groom from Feeding Hills; and Michael Zigmont, friend of the bride and groom from Hatfield.

Both the bride and groom are 1989 graduates of Westfield High School.

The bride also graduated from Holyoke Community College. She now works for Continental Cablevision in Springfield.

The groom works in management at Hoskin Rug & Tile in Feeding Hills.

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Aruba and now reside in Westfield.



MR. & MRS. WALTER FOGG

Foggs Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fogg were honored recently on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

They were married on May 19th, 1934 and have lived in Agawam for the past 45 years. Mrs. Fogg is the former Barbara Chapin of West Springfield.

An anniversary celebration at the Ramada Inn in West Springfield was hosted by their children and their spouses, Carolyn & Lou Calabrese of West Springfield, James & Jerry Fogg of Agawam, and Walter & Beverly Fogg of Westfield.

The couple has 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Proceeds From Strawberry Supper Helps Grange Pay For School Scholarships

Community Grange appreciates the fine support of friends who patronized its strawberry supper. Some of the proceeds will soon be sent to the colleges of its scholarship winners - Matthew Bellico and Maura Paton.

Like most organizations, the summer brings less activities and fewer meetings. The only meeting in July is Tuesday, July 5th, which will entail a mystery ride to a spot known only to two members. Those who go will have the mystery of a lifetime solved.



JULIE ANN THORSEN

Julie A. Thorsen Engaged To Wed

The engagement of Julie Ann Thorsen and David Emerson Degenkart of Newton, Massachusetts has been announced by her mother, Rose Thorsen.

Parents of the future bridegroom are John and Faith Degenkart of Lebanon, New Hampshire.

The bride-elect graduated from North Adams State College and Kathryn Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Boston College. A fall wedding is planned.

Card parties will continue on the first and third Thursdays, July 7th and 21st, with Jacqueline Cavanaugh and Evelyn Vincelette in charge. Playing progressive whist starts promptly at 7:30 p.m., with prizes and refreshments served before closing time.

A tag and bake sale is planned for Saturday, July 30th, by Frances McBride and Priscilla Magagnoli to assist in hosting the National Grange meeting in Springfield in November 1997. All members and friends of the Grange will make this a fun day.

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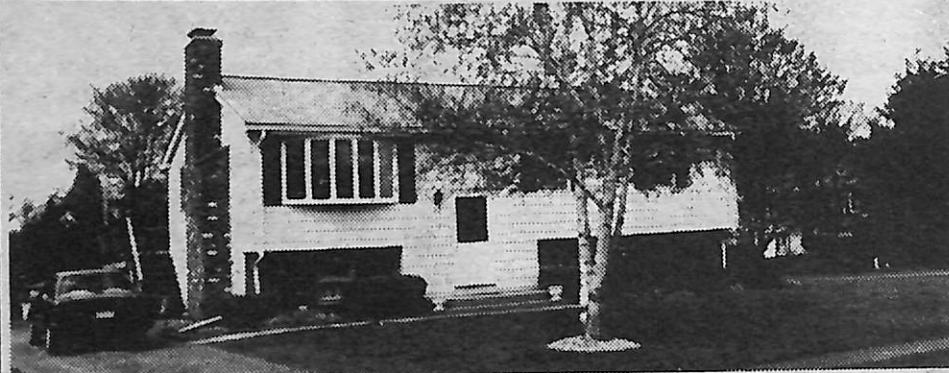


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Church News

Agawam Residents Regularly Flock To St. Jude Novena At Southwick Church

by Cheryl Bruno
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Southwick: Every Wednesday evening, about 7:15, a warm glow can be felt on Sheep Pasture Road in the general area of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Inside the church, a novena to St. Jude is in progress.

The novena attracts faithful believers from Connecticut, Springfield, Agawam, Westfield, West Springfield, and Southwick. It also attracts skeptics and the curious who are interested in finding out, "Just who is this St. Jude Thaddeus, and why are so many people devoted to him?"

To begin with, Jude was an Apostle of Jesus Christ and also a close relative; a first cousin who was chosen by Jesus as one of the 12 Apostles. Jude's mother, Mary of Alphaeus, was one of the few to stand at the foot of the Cross when Jesus died, which substantiates reports that the families of Jesus and Jude Thaddeus were very close.

Reverend Father Timothy J. Hallahan held weekly Novena devotions for 17 years while pastor at Immaculate Conception Church in West Springfield. The Novena has been in existence at the church since the mid-1930's, but participation was sparse.

Close To 400 Attend Weekly

Under Father Hallahan, participation in the Novena services grew and expanded to close to 400 faithful people attending each week. Also during those 17 years, Father Hallahan's personal devotion to St. Jude deepened. Over the course of the years, Father has seen many documented cures attributed to prayers and devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus.

On April 6th, 1994, Father Hallahan, now pastor of Our Lady of the Lake in Southwick, began the perpetual St. Jude Novena in this community. He advises people to be patient and to make the Novena with the proper attitude. "There's always a need for prayer and petition," said Father Hallahan, "but prayers of thanksgiving are also part of the Novena."

Father Hallahan also explained that when you pray to St. Jude, you are asking him to intercede and bring your petition to Jesus for a cure or an answer. "All powers of saints come through God, and in themselves, saints do not cure or answer petitions, but bring them before God for us."

In addition, as part of the St. Jude Novena, public thanks and acknowledgement of prayers answered is a stipulation. Many of us have seen **Thank You St. Jude** ads in local newspapers.

Each Wednesday night, Father reads several petitions from faithful believers before the congregation, along with many thanks for prayers answered. Whenever Father Hallahan refers to Jude Thaddeus, he says, "The good St. Jude." We asked him why?

"It's because I've seen so many good things happen through his intercession," Father told us. "Observing the faithful attitude of people over the years has deepened my faith. This Novena has been a great stimulus to my own personal faith," he added.

Each Wednesday as Father Hallahan reads petitions ranging from "finding the best mate for my daughter," to "securing a job," "cures for cancer, brain tumors, successful operations, cures for crippling arthritis, and drug addictions,"

one of the most beautiful aspects of these petitions is that the majority of people are praying not for themselves, but for friends or family members. The Novena also provides a time for silent petition to St. Jude.



THE STATUE OF ST. JUDE at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Southwick. Advertiser News

photo by Joan Lussier.

A Martyr For The Faith

As the faithful kneel for Mass and Novena prayers, they face a large statue of St. Jude. The "tongue of fire" atop St. Jude's head indicates the Holy Spirit and the club he holds in his hand indicates his manner of death. "Jude was clubbed to death, a martyr for the faith," said Father Hallahan, "then beheaded."

The beautiful statue was donated by a parishioner of Our Lady of the Lake. "Elizabeth Perry, a lovely lady," Father told us, "donated the statue in loving memory of her husband, 'Tank' Perry, and we are all very grateful to her for the very generous donation."

When Novena devotions began back in April, Father Hallahan asked for prayers that he would be able to find a relic of St. Jude. After many weeks of searching and praying, Father "miraculously" procured a first class relic (documented as containing the bone marrow of St. Jude).

"Our prayers were answered by John Wallace Spencer," said Father, "who is the author of a book documenting the life of St. Jude called *Thank You St. Jude*." Father added his sincere thanks to Mr. Spencer for the wonderful donation. After each Novena service, parishioners and faithful followers are invited to come forward to kiss the relic or have Father place it on an afflicted part of the body.

Southwick resident and Our Lady of the Lake parishioner Mrs. Peggy Lis told us that when she was nine years-old, her dear mother placed a St. Jude medal and a prayer card to St. Jude in her hands. She is now 40-something and has been a faithful follower of St. Jude ever since.

"I pray the Novena every day and truly believe," Mrs. Lis told us. "I have seen and experienced many cures and miracles over the years, and always have my prayers answered."

Mrs. Lis is only one of millions of faithful followers of St. Jude who, as true believers, have experienced cures, had their prayers answered, and take time to publicly announce their thanks.

For almost 2,000 years, Jude Thaddeus was the forgotten saint. Sometime early in the 20th century, he regained popularity and has been dubbed "The Patron Saint of Desperate and Hopeless Cures," and his faithful followers have increased in numbers dramatically.

That faith can be witnessed every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. during Mass and Novena at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Southwick. The spirit of faith, hopefulness, and fellowship is very evident and fills the beautiful Sheep Pasture Road church.

"During Jude's lifetime," Father Hallahan said, "many cures were attributed to his intercession and Jude had a particular devotion to those who were desperately ill." Father invites everyone, Catholic, Protestant, or those of the Jewish faith, to join the devoted followers of St. Jude Thaddeus at the Wednesday night Novena services.

You may come as a skeptic, but what you see, hear, feel, and experience at the St. Jude Novena will make you a devoted follower and believer.

NOTE: Background information on the life of St. Jude Thaddeus was provided for this article through *Thank You St. Jude*, a book on the life of the saint containing prayers and stories of cures and answered prayers, authored by John Wallace Spencer. The book makes interesting and educational reading on the facts about St. Jude's life and his intercessory powers.

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THE TRADING POST AT THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH held its last sale of the season on June 15th. The Trading Post will reopen in the fall. **IN PHOTO LEFT - Shoppers Fran Bell and Marion Polchlopek** look over the merchandise; **IN PHOTO RIGHT, Joann Sliech-Brodeur, Shirley M. Goss, and Emma Cross** are part of the volunteer force that makes the Trading Post a continuing success at the church. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Valley Community Sets Church Calendar For Month Of July

Valley Community Church Congregational has announced the following calendar of events for the month of July:

Sunday, July 3rd, 10:00 a.m.: Church Service and Sunday School. Junior Sermon by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearson (of Kit 'n Kaboodle).

Monday, July 4th, Dusk: Come up and watch area fireworks.

Saturday, July 9th, 5:00 p.m.: Auction with Elaine Hood.

Sunday, July 10th, 10:00 a.m.: Church Service and Sunday School. Junior Sermon by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearson (of Kit 'n Kaboodle). **IMPORTANT:** Town Meeting (for church members) immediately following church service.

Friday, July 15th, 7:30 p.m.: Cinderella performed by STAGE at Red Door Theater.

Saturday, July 16th, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.: Cinderella performed by STAGE at Red Door Theater.

Sunday, July 17th, 10:00 a.m.: Church Service and Sunday School. Junior Sermon by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearson (of Kit 'n Kaboodle); **2:00 p.m.:** Final performance of Cinderella by STAGE at the Red Door Theater.

July 18th - July 22nd: Bible Camp.

Sunday, July 24th, 10:00 a.m.: Church Service and Sunday School. Junior Sermon by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearson (of Kit 'n Kaboodle).

Saturday, July 30th, 5:30 p.m.: Pot-Luck Supper followed by The Greater Springfield Korean Presbyterian Youth Singers.

Sunday, July 31st, 10:00 a.m.: Church Service and Sunday School. Junior Sermon by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearson (of Kit 'n Kaboodle).

Church Services are conducted by the Reverend Stephen Dennehy, Associated Minister, who can inspire your faith and touch your hearts with hope.

Our doors are open to everyone who wants to share in faith and in friendship.

Valley Community Church is located **HIGH ON A HILLTOP** at 152 South Westfield St. in Feeding Hills.

Valley Community Church To Hold Children's Bible Camps

The Valley Community Church of Feeding Hills announces that registrations are now being accepted for their Summer Bible Camp, which will take place July 18th-22nd.

This five-day experience will involve children in grade K-6 in the teachings and stories of the Bible to help them grow in their relationship with God; acquaint them with their Christian heritage; and foster a better understanding of what the Bible teaches us about how to love and live in the Christian faith.

The camp, which runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day, is being led by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons, both of whom are well-known for their work with children as Kit & Kaboodle/STAGE producers.

Activities will include storytelling, Biblical dramas, arts and crafts, and songs, dances, and customs from Biblical times. The week will culminate with a sharing time for parents, friends, and church families who are invited to come witness and participate in their young people's experience.

The registration fee is only \$10 to cover snacks and materials, and the camp is open to children of all denominations.

The Valley Community Church is located "high on the hill" at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, MA. To register, please call the church secretary at (413) 786-2445; the deadline is July 8th, and enrollment is limited.

Ag. Congregational's Calendar Of Events

Our Summer Worship is at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday, July 3rd, and will continue through September 4th.

Our Midweek Wednesday Service is held at 7:30 p.m. throughout the summer months. The half-hour service includes a hymn sing, prayers and reading, a brief meditation, and a communion service.

The time is here! Vacation Bible Camp is July 11th through 15th. This year's theme is "Come Along With Jesus."

Children ages two through fifth grade are welcome. Older children may volunteer to help our teachers.

Call the church office by July 5th at 786-7111.

F.H. Congregational Slates Vacation Bible School For August

Sign-up forms are now available at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church for its Vacation Bible School, which will take place at the church from August 15th through 19th.

The cost is \$5 per child, with a maximum of \$15 per family.

You are invited to join with us this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. when Rev. Donaldson will give a sermon entitled "Dependence Day."

There are no scheduled meetings this week at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Fireworks Can Be Seen With No Problem At Valley Community

Are you planning to go and watch the Springfield fireworks, but dread the thought of all the traffic and finding a parking space?

Then consider this - stay in town and come up the hill to Valley Community Church. You not only get a clear view of Springfield's fireworks, but you can see Enfield, Connecticut fireworks, too!

All you need to bring are your blankets or lawn chairs and don't forget your mosquito repellent. You can even bring your appetites as hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be available at very reasonable prices.

So, come early. Pick out a good spot and relax looking out at the beautiful valley.

Valley Community Church is located **HIGH ON A HILLTOP** at 152 South Westfield St. in Feeding Hills.

Nocturnal Adoration To Meet July 1st

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Ann's Church on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, July 1st, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Spotlight On Business

Agawam Opticians Makes Your Eyes Its Only Focus

by Holly Pevzner
Advertiser News Staff

For 22 years, Robert Vanderhoof and **Agawam Opticians** have been helping the residents of Agawam see clearly.

A little over 22 years ago, Vanderhoof moved to the town and set up shop at 334 Walnut Street. At that time, the optician had only himself to hold the fort down. Now, **Agawam Optician** holds a spacious location just a few doors down at 338 Walnut Street Extension and Vanderhoof has three employees under him.

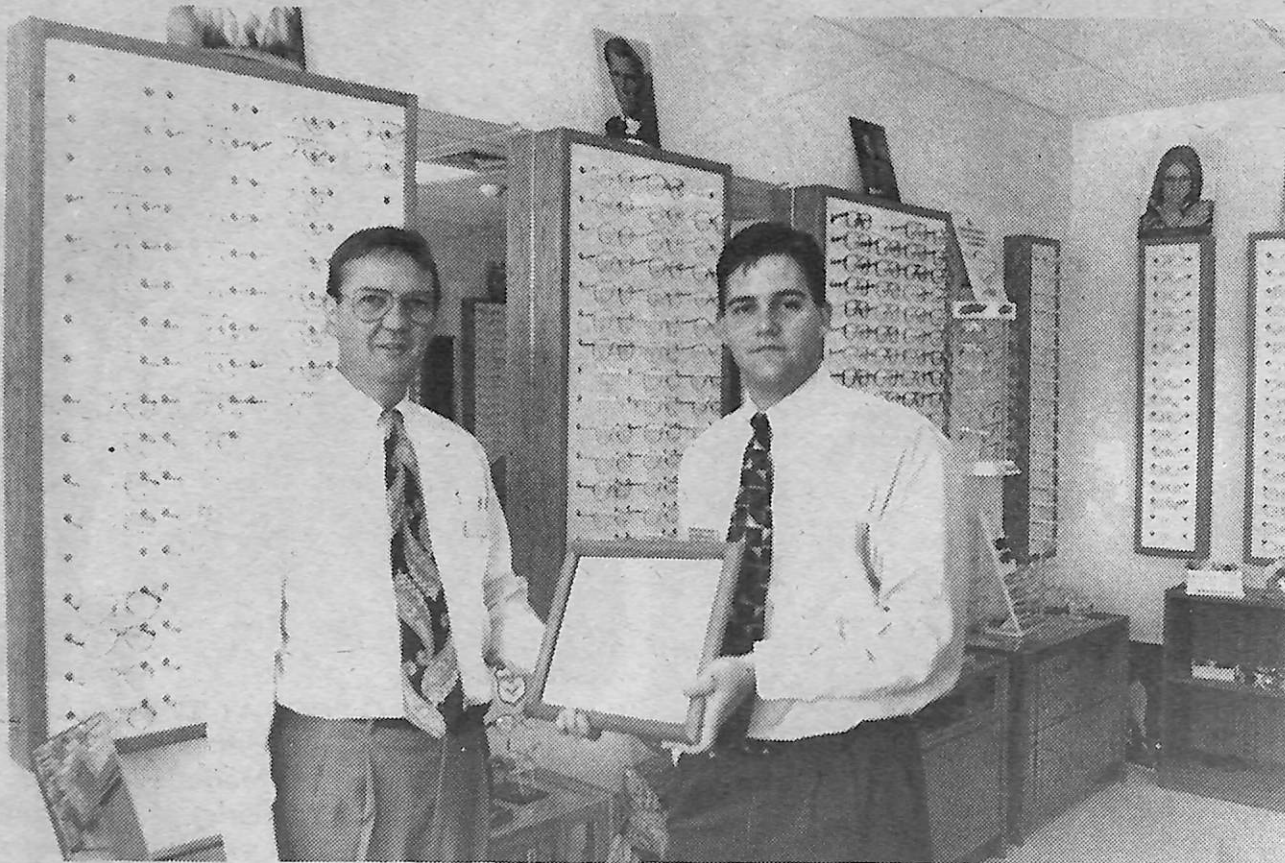
Joining his father at **Agawam Opticians**, Aaron Vanderhoof is now working full-time at the family business. Aaron, a 1989 graduation of Agawam High School, recently received his license from the Worcester Technical Institute School of Opticianry. In addition to the Agawam store, Vanderhoof owns two other optical stores, one in downtown Springfield and the other in Southwick. Each store has two licensed opticians.

Vanderhoof, a licensed optician for 25 years, sells prescription glass and sunglasses, and non-prescription sunglasses. **Agawam Opticians** is affiliated with independent Doctor of Optometry, Dr. Andrew Boraski, where eye exams and glaucoma exams are performed, and contact lenses are available. Providing more convenience for consumers, Dr. Boraski is part of the same complex as **Agawam Opticians**.

What has set **Agawam Opticians** apart from other eye glass shops? Being that Vanderhoof's store is in a small town, it is different from the impersonal mall atmosphere at some opticians. Ninety percent of **Agawam Opticians'** customers see Vanderhoof himself. Vanderhoof likes to treat each and every customer "as if they were a guest in our home," he says.

The store likes to maintain a friendly atmosphere for all of their customers. Some of these customers have been coming back for 22 years. Actually, Vanderhoof has the grandchildren of original consumers coming in for glasses.

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AGAWAM OPTICIANS owner and operator Robert Vanderhoof has been joined by his son, Aaron, a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School who recently received his Massachusetts Opticians license. Robert Vanderhoof is a member the Massachusetts Board that licenses opticians and had the honor of signing Aaron's license (which the father and son team are holding). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

'Best Quality At Reasonable Price'

According to Vanderhoof, "We provide the best quality at the most reasonable price." Although **Agawam Opticians'** best seller is the round-rim, tortoise-shell frames, they have a wide range of selections. One can choose from all of the name brands from around the world, whether it be from France, Italy, or Germany, or made here in the USA. Vanderhoof also displays 120 different styles in children's eyewear, including the ever-popular Fisher Price brand frames.

Agawam Opticians has grown tremendously since its inception. Vanderhoof began with 300 frames and sunglasses to sell his customers. Now, **Agawam Opticians'** stock has grown to a whopping 800 pieces of eyewear. One item in par-

ticular that's in demand is sunglasses, prescription and non. Due to the depleted Ozone layer, many are protecting themselves against the harmful Ultra Violet rays of the sun. Most of the sunglasses found in your local drugstore just won't cut it. There must be quality in one's eyewear to protect one from dangerous UV rays, Vanderhoof tells us.

Although the styles and number of items available have changed, the affordability has remained. The prices at **Agawam Opticians** range from \$39 to over \$400, depending on what one is looking for.

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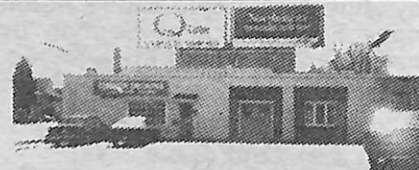
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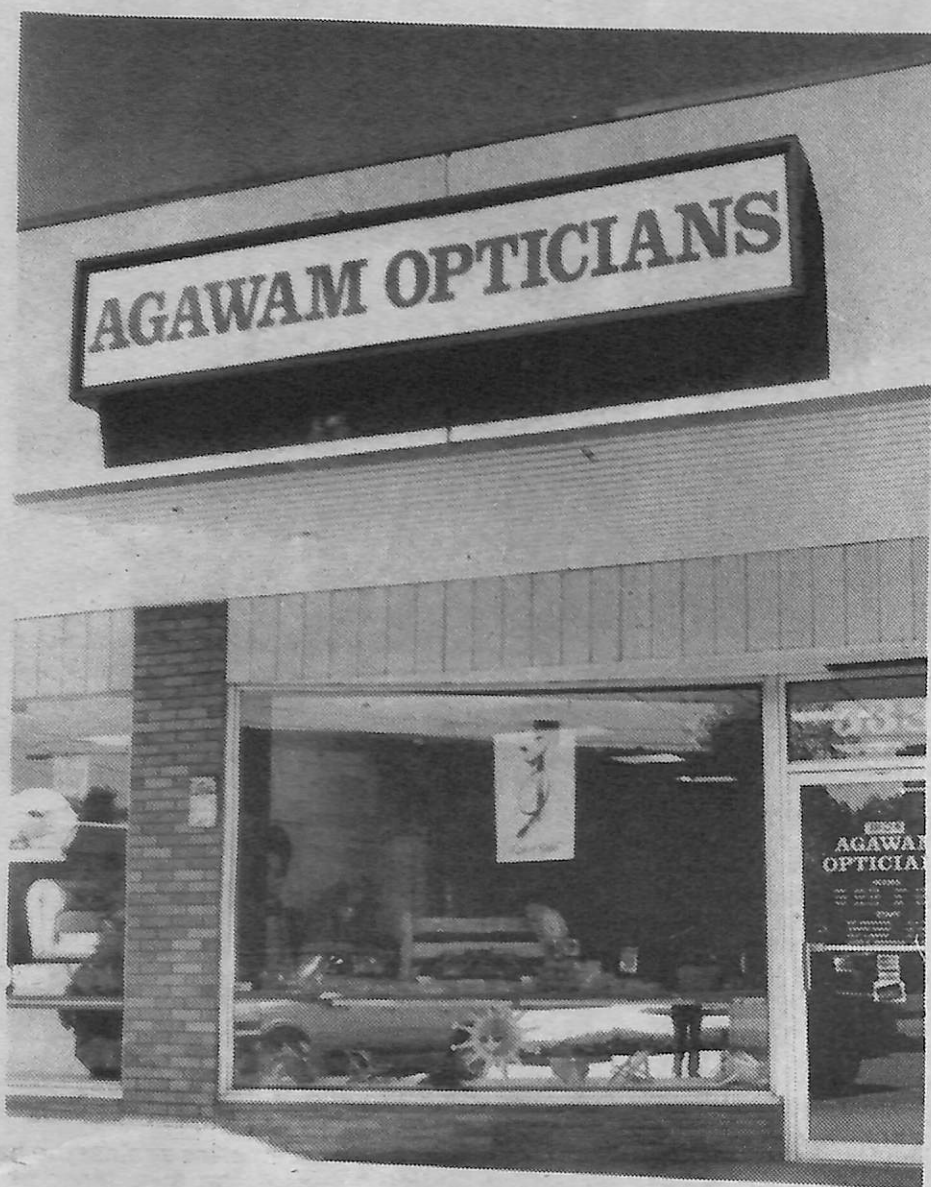
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Agawam Opticians - For Your Eyes Only



AARON VANDERHOOF, a recently licensed optician who attended the Worcester Technical Institute School of Optometry, fits Chris Drzal with a pair of glasses last week. Aaron is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School and is the son of owner and operator Robert Vanderhoof. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM OPTICIANS is located at 338 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam and is owned and operated by Robert Vanderhoof of Agawam. Agawam Opticians is open Monday to Saturday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Work Opportunity Ctr. Recognizes Businesses For Continued Support

Work Opportunity Center, Inc. held its fourth Annual Employer Appreciation Breakfast on June 1st at Chez Josef. Work Opportunity Center, Inc. is located on Suffield Street in Agawam and has been providing the developmentally disabled of the greater Springfield area with vocational training and community employment since 1969.

Work Opportunity Center, Inc.'s main mission is to procure community employment for individuals. Executive Director Robert F.L. MacDonald said, "When a developmentally disabled individual works in the community, their quality of life is greatly enhanced by the community integration experience."

Representing Governor William F. Weld was Kenneth Plumley, director of Governor Weld's Western Massachusetts Office. Kenneth delivered remarks on behalf of the Governor. He also presented each Work Opportunity Center, Inc. award recipient with a Gubernatorial Citation.

The keynote speaker was Philip Campbell, commissioner of the Department of Mental Retardation. He opened his remarks by saying, "Work Opportunity Center, Inc. and area businesses have formed a strong partnership resulting in community employment for individuals with developmental disabilities. This employment has increased their ability to lead full and independent lives."

The awards were presented by Robert F.L. MacDonald, Executive Director of Work Opportunity Center, Inc. The award categories are:

1. Quality Employment Award

To be eligible for this award, a Corporation has to have hired a developmentally disabled individual and the individual must be on the employer's payroll for a minimum of six months. This year's award winners were: Agri-Mark, Inc., Riverdale Street, West Springfield; Big Y Supermarket, Suffield Street, Agawam; Chez Josef, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam; Costco Warehouse, Daggett Drive, West Springfield; Gramacy Apartments, Suffield Street, Agawam; McDonald's Restaurant, North Elm Street, Westfield.

2. Natural Sports Award

To be eligible for this award, a co-worker or supervisor of a developmentally disabled individual must be assisting the developmentally disabled individual to maintain their employment. In addition, the award winner must be helping the developmentally disabled individual access the community through social integration on and off the job. This year's award winners were: Mary Lou

Professional Women Named As Officers In Springfield Group

Springfield Business and Professional Women recently announced the 1994-1995 slate of officers and committee appointments at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield.

Feeding Hills Attorney Cecelia Calabrese, Chapter 13 Trustee, was elected First Vice President and Christine Mitchell of Agawam was elected Second Vice President.

Miss Calabrese, a self-defense aficionado, has served as an organizer for the International Women's Day Program. Ms. Mitchell is a Vice President for Northeast Savings Bank and has been recognized for developing a BPW Women's Safety program, including education on domestic violence, supporting a battered women's shelter, and organizing a Personal Safety course.

Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to come out and cover your event. Call Jack at 789-0053.



CHEZ JOSEF owner and operator Allan Skole (center) receives appreciation plaque from Robert F.L. MacDonald, executive director of the Work Opportunity Center of Agawam (left), and Kenneth Plumley, representing Governor William Weld.

Gray and Penny McDowell of Costco Warehouse in West Springfield.

3. Outstanding Achievement Award

To be eligible for this award, a developmentally disabled individual must be employed in the community for a minimum of two years. This year's award winners were: Alonzo Alger of West Springfield, who is currently employed by Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers in West Springfield; Dean Beaudry of West Springfield, who is currently employed at Chez Josef in Agawam; Anna Filip of Westfield, who is currently employed by Costco Warehouse in West Springfield; and Sylvia Florence of Huntington, who is employed by McDonald's Restaurant in Agawam.

Bob MacDonald, Executive Director, said, "Corporations who employ developmentally disabled individuals should be commended and honored for their efforts. These companies have stepped beyond the bounds of existing stereotypes and have left footprints on people's hearts by giving individuals with developmental disabilities a chance, an opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities at community employment."



PAULINE SPANILO

Pauline Spanilo Earns Nat'l Certification As Activity Professional

Eight local residents were recently honored at American International College for completing the requirements for national certification as activity professionals. The certificates were awarded at a dinner on Thursday, June 16th, in the college's faculty dining room.

Among the honorees was Pauline Spanilo of 221 Pineview Circle, Agawam, who is an activity assistant at the Jewish Nursing Home in Longmeadow.

Each student had to complete "Activity Programming For Elders," an evening course offered through AIC's School of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies. To earn the certificates, students were required to complete 90 hours of class work and a 90-hour supervised practicum at either a local nursing home or a day care center for the elderly.



AT THE 4TH Annual Employer Appreciation Breakfast, Robert F.L. MacDonald (left), executive director of the Work Opportunity Center, and Kenneth Plumley, representing Governor Weld, are pictured with Lee McKay, store manager of Big Y Supermarket in Agawam.



SYLVIA FLORENCE, an employee of Agawam McDonald's, receives an outstanding achievement award from Work Opportunity Center Executive Director Robert F.L. MacDonald and Kenneth Plumley, representing Governor William Weld.



JOHN VANAMSTERDAM (center), owner of Gramacy Apartments in Agawam, receives his recognition plaque from Robert F.L. MacDonald, executive director of the Work Opportunity Center (left), and Kenneth Plumley, representing Governor William Weld.

Spotlight On Business - continued...



DAVID C. PERKINS

David C. Perkins Promoted To President Of N.E. School Supply

David C. Perkins has been named President of New England School Supply of Agawam. The company was recently acquired by E.D.A. Corporation of Appleton, Wisconsin.

Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Perkins served as Vice President/General Manager.

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You're elated—you just closed on your dream home. Now it's time to move. It isn't until you throw open the closet, pull out the drawers, and unlock the storage unit that you realize you have more material possessions than a traveling circus.

The key to a "smooth move" is to prepare for the move. The following are some simple tips to help you keep your sanity intact during this tumultuous time:

- * If you decide to hire a professional mover, get more than one quotation. Rates vary depending on how many hours and how much manpower you will need. Make the same inquiries about truck rental rates.

- * Invest in good boxes, with appropriate

dividers. Purchase plenty of newsprint (without ink) for wrapping. Both are available from moving companies. Blankets, linens, and towels are also good for protecting breakables. Divide them into categories—kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, living room, etc. Label the contents of each box and where they belong on outside of carton.

- * When packing dishware, start with a bed of crumpled newsprint; use double-thick newsprint and stack four to five plates with paper in-between and "stand" them on their edges. With pots and pans, nest smaller items in larger ones. China and stemware should be wrapped individually. Place glass "upright," not sideways.

- * Clothes can remain on hangers and hung in wardrobe boxes. Suitcases and large garbage bags also make good transport units.

- * Put all valuables—jewelry, birth certificates, marriage license, passports, car titles, etc., in a separate place that stays with you so they don't get lost in the shuffle. Hand-carry valuables and other valuable treasures.

- * Two weeks before moving, prepare your change-of-address cards. Notify your post office, bank, utility, insurance, and credit card companies of your new address. Don't forget to have your medical records and children's schools records transferred, if necessary.

- * When your old house is empty, conduct a thorough inspection. Check closets, crawl space, the attic, basement, and all nooks-and-crannies. Have another person do a subsequent inspection.

- * Clean your new home *before* moving in. It's always easier to clean it when empty. You'll have a clearer vision of the subtle features that need more attention.

Although moving is often traumatic and exhausting, it can provide a rewarding sense of accomplishment. After all, you're usually going somewhere better than where you came from. Think of it as a new beginning, a fresh start, or a "moving" experience.

The Comic Vault & Aquariumtown Rentals Opening In Agawam On Springfield Street

On Friday, July 1st, a new business will open in Agawam,—**The Comic Vault**, owned by William F. Myers III (a lifetime resident, 1984 AHS graduate, and homeowner since 1990). The building will be co-op with **Aquariumtown Rentals**, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Bozek; Annemarie Bozak (a 1986 AHS graduate and a soon-to-be-homeowner in Chicopee) will be running the store.

The location will be 300 Springfield Street, formerly the site of The Dollhouse, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mallette of Feeding Hills (now retired

from the business).

The Comic Vault will include new and back-issue comic books, shirts (sports and super-hero), toys, and sports and non-sports cards. Aquariumtown Rentals will include salt and fresh water fish, aquarium supplies, maintenance, service, and rent-to-own aquariums.

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More than five-million Americans have precancerous spots. The people most often affected are over age 60 and fair-skinned. The spots are rough, dry, and scaly bumps that measure from 1/4 of an inch to one inch in diameter and may be colored red or grayish. Usually they appear on the face, lower lip, back of the hands, forearms, scalp of bald men, and neck. If a doctor does not remove them, there is a one to 25% chance they will develop into skin cancer.

Cutting the fat in the diet can cut the risk of forming precancerous spots. Researchers studied 72 men and women who already had at least one skin cancer. Half of them cut the fat in their diet from the typical 40% fat to 20% fat. The others continued to eat their usual diet. After two years, the higher fat eaters formed an average of 10 new precancerous spots. The low-fat group developed only three new spots on average.

If skin cancer is detected and treated early the cure rate is 95%. In some cases the cancer may spread to other parts of the body and be fatal. To screen skin cancer out of your life, wear sunblock with SPF 15 or higher and eat a low-fat diet.

Nancy Dell, MS, RD, is a registered dietitian in Feeding Hills and is available for private consults on nutrition for healthy skin. For an appointment, call (413) 786-2957.

Best local news...

Mobile Hearing Center To Provide Screenings At Providence Hospital

Mercy Hospital's Mobile Hearing Center will provide free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at Providence Hospital on July 25th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids and assistive listening devices can also be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by two nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

Appointments for the free screenings and hearing aid checks are limited; call 539-2861 for a reservation.

Cholesterol & Blood Glucose Screenings At Mercy Hospital

The Department of Patient Education at Mercy Hospital has announced the following programs for July:

- **Cholesterol screening**—July 28th, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., walk-in registration, Memorial House Auditorium; \$10 donation. *Note:* Fasting is necessary 10 to 12 hours prior to testing (water may be taken); results will be mailed to participants.

- **Blood glucose screening**—July 29th, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Memorial House Auditorium; \$2 donation for testing materials. *Note:* Fasting is necessary after midnight (water may be taken).

For more information, call the Patient Education Department, 748-9024, weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., or leave a message.

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Providence Hosp. Has Support For Widow/Widowers

Providence Hospital's "Being Alone" Support Group will meet July 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the hospital auditorium.

The monthly support group, facilitated by Providence Hospital Chaplain Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., is designed to help those who have suffered the loss of a spouse.

Registration is required. For more information, call the Center for Women's Health, 539-2950.

Cancer Support Group To Hold Meeting At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, July 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium A, located on the ground floor.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. Nancy Ferguson, M.Ed., is the group facilitator.

Registration is not required. For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Same Day Care at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 212.

C.P.R. Course To Be Held At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will offer a public education program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.) on two Wednesdays, July 20th and 27th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Noble Hospital Education Center, 2 Mill Street, Westfield.

Participants must attend both classes. The program is \$30. For further information or to register, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 529.

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For Your Health - continued...

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Summer means vacation travel for millions of Americans. Whether your family will be driving across the United States, traveling abroad, or vacationing close to home this summer, remember:

Dental emergencies don't take a vacation. Be prepared. Pack a dental emergency kit when you and your family vacation this summer, and familiarize yourself with basic emergency treatment.

"Dental emergencies can happen anywhere, at anytime," says Dr. Normand Diamond, president of the Massachusetts Dental Society. "Being prepared can make the difference between handling a dental emergency and getting on with having fun, or having your vacation plans upset or put off."

This is what you can do to handle dental emergencies on vacation:

• **Pack an emergency kit before you leave home.** Bring aspirin or a substitute, oil of cloves, gauze, cotton, floss, and paraffin.

• **Toothache:** Rinse your mouth with warm water and gently floss between the teeth to remove any trapped food. Use a cold compress on the outside of the cheek if there is swelling, and

take a pain reliever.

• **Broken tooth:** Rinse with warm water, apply cold compress to the cheek, and see a dentist as quickly as possible.

• **Knocked out tooth:** Rinse the tooth in running water. Don't scrub it, and touch it as little as possible. Put the tooth back in the socket, and hold it firmly in place. If you can't reinsert it, keep it in a container of water or milk. Get to a dentist within 30 minutes to improve the chances of saving the tooth.

• **Lost filling:** Apply oil of cloves to cotton and put a small piece of cotton in the cavity. Or cover the cavity with paraffin. Take aspirin as needed.

• **Objects wedged between teeth:** Gently remove the object using floss. Avoid cutting the gums. Never use a sharp instrument.

• **Suspected jaw fracture:** Immobilize the jaw using any means—a towel, a necktie, a handkerchief, etc.—and get to a hospital as soon as possible.

These are only temporary measures. To find a dentist in an emergency, call the local dental society for a referral. Or ask the hospital emergency room to recommend one.

Breastfeeding Class To Be Offered At Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital will offer a Breastfeeding Class on July 20th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

Taught by certified lactation consultant Madeline Boland, R.N., this program provides information on the benefits and basics of breastfeeding, prevention and treatment of problems, breast pumping techniques, and helpful tips to support a positive and successful breastfeeding experience.

Registration is required. For more information, call 539-2950.

Volunteers Sought For Diabetes Tests

The Endocrine-Metabolic Division of Baystate Medical Center is looking for volunteers to participate in a nationwide research study involving a new medication for diabetes mellitus.

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* be 18 to 75 years of age

* treat the diabetes with diet or diabetes pills

* be willing to follow the study diet and take the study medication.

For more information, or to learn if you qualify, call the Diabetes Research Nurses at 784-3538.

Providence Hospital To Conduct Sibling Class

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital will conduct its Sibling Class on July 11th from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the Catherine Horan Memorial Building, room 115.

This program, aimed at children ages three to 10, is designed to acclimate big brothers and sisters-to-be to the arrival of a new baby. A professional educator uses storytelling, role-playing, and life-sized dolls, and allows plenty of time for questions and answers.

The perfect format for preparing children for their new roles, the Sibling Class also introduces children to the Family Birthplace, and helps them feel an important part of the birth event.

Registration is required. For more information, call 539-2950.

Diabetic Education Programs Offered In July At Mercy Hosp.

A series of diabetic education programs will be offered in July by the Patient Education Department at Mercy Hospital.

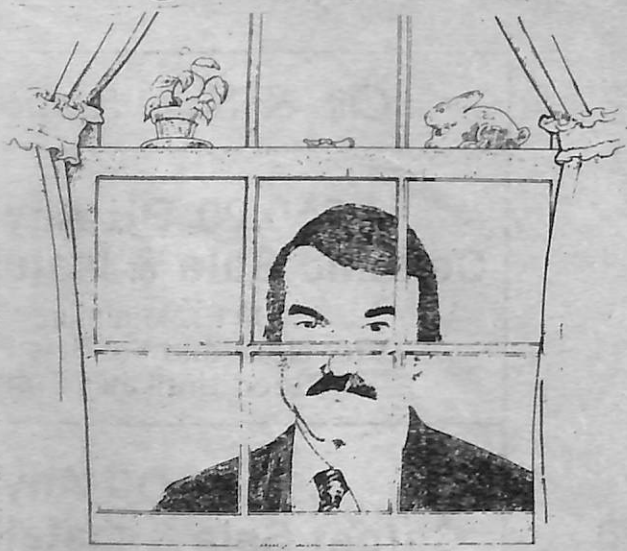
The hour-long programs are open to the public at no charge, and will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital for four consecutive days, beginning July 11th.

Topics include: "Introduction to Diabetes," "Diet and Diabetes," "Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes," and "Complications Related to Diabetes."

Pre-registration is required. For more information, call Patient Education at 748-9024 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

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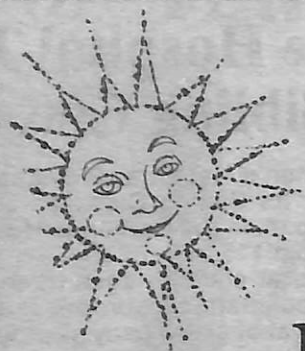
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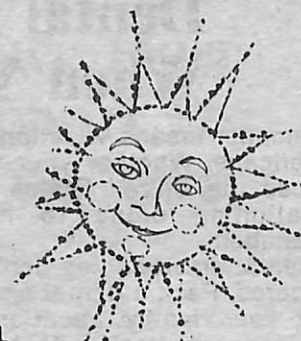
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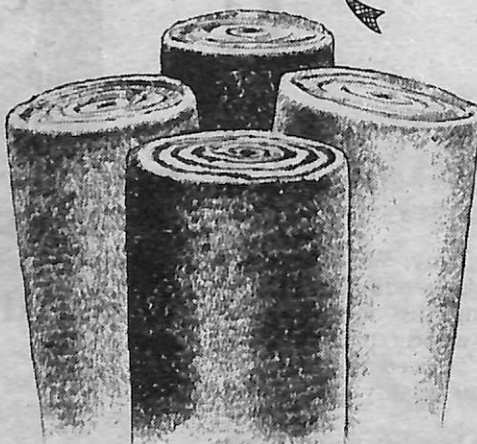
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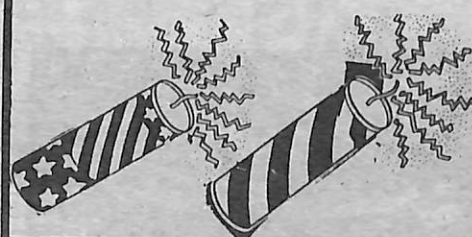
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Merry-Go-Round In Holyoke Opening For Summer Rides

The Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, which hasn't welcomed summer riders since the doors to its longtime home at Mountain Park closed for good in the fall of 1987, is back in action this summer for riders of all ages.

The Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, which re-opened on the grounds of beautiful Holyoke Heritage State Park in Downtown Holyoke in December, will begin its summer hours on June 28th when it opens daily, except Mondays, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rides are \$1 per person.

To kickoff its first summer in Downtown Holyoke, the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round will hold an "Out of School" party during Fourth of July weekend. Riders who bring in their report cards with them to the merry-go-round, whether a five year-old kindergarten graduate or a 75 year-old grandparent who dug up their old grades out of storage, will ride the merry-go-round at 1929 prices of 25 cents from July 2nd-4th.

More than 25,000 riders, many returning to the merry-go-round to relive memories of the good ol' days when they rode the "happiness machine" at Mountain Park, have already visited the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round at its new permanent location.

The Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, originally installed at Mountain Park in 1929, is one of only 60 of its kind left in North America. Constructed by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company, it consists of 48 horses and two chariots, all handcarved by craftsmen from Italy and Germany. Its band organ was made at the Artizan Factories of North Tonawanda, New York. Both the carousel and the organ have been preserved in perfect running order.

In 1988, The Friends of the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, Inc. was organized to preserve and save the Mountain Park Merry-Go-Round. The Friends, with the help of friends, residents, businesses, and corporations in the area, raised nearly \$2 million to purchase the carousel and to build a new structure to house the historic artifact at Holyoke Heritage State Park.



THE FAMOUS MERRY-GO-ROUND of Holyoke, closed since Mountain Park closed in 1987, is back in action at Heritage Park.

After getting a workout on one of the merry-go-round's handcarved and painted horses, hungry riders can visit the attraction's new refreshment stand which will offer ice cream, popcorn, and soda for sale.

The Holyoke Merry-Go-Round is available for children's birthday parties, corporate, and other private party rentals. A 10 percent discount off children's birthday parties will be offered during July and August.

The merry-go-round is equipped to accom-

modate special access needs.

Holyoke Heritage State Park is located on 221 Appleton Street in Holyoke. The park offers family-oriented cultural and recreational programs. The eight-acre site contains the Park Visitors' Center, Holyoke Children's Museum, Heritage Park Railroad, Volleyball Hall of Fame, and a senior crafts consignment shop called Heritage Craft Center.

For more information, or to book a party, call the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round at 538-9838.

Trinity Church To Host Guest Carillonneur

Trinity United Methodist Church, located at 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, is pleased to host guest carillonneur Daniel K. Kehoe as part of its "1994 Carillon Food 'n Fun Festival" on Thursday, July 7th, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Kehoe first began playing the carillon while a student at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1974. In 1982, he was appointed Carillonneur of Trinity College.

He has also studied at the Royal Carillon School in Mechelen, Belgium. Mr. Kehoe also serves as organist at Wintonbury Baptist Church in Bloomfield, Connecticut, and is also a Principal Software Specialist for Digital Equipment Corporation in Rocky Hill.

The featured food theme for the evening is the "Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social." The concert is free, although donations will be accepted for all food items. You are also invited to bring a picnic supper to enjoy on the church lawn. The concert will be presented rain or shine.

For further information, contact Becky Isaacson of Trinity United Methodist Church at 733-4759 or 737-5311.

Runaway Ralph Next Family Film At Agawam Library

On Tuesday, July 5th at 7:00 p.m., the Agawam Public Library will show the family film "Runaway Ralph" in the Community Room.

Based on the all-time favorite children's book of the same name by Beverly Cleary, it is the story of Ralph, the Mouse, and a variety of adventures he encounters on his marvelous toy motorbike.

The movie stars Fred Savage (The Wonder Years) and Ray Walston (My Favorite Martian).

Agawam and Feeding Hills families are invited to bring non-drippy snacks and comfy pillows or whatever you need to enjoy this 45-minute movie in air-conditioned comfort.

Call 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register.

Summer Theatre Review...

Timeless Message Brings Enjoyable Evening At Mount Holyoke's *Come Blow Your Horn*

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Charlie Epstein returns to Mt. Holyoke Summer Theater as playboy Alan Baker, who's about to collide with a 30-something midlife crisis head-on.

Entrenched in a deluxe apartment, he's got women's pictures stashed in every drawer—ready to be pulled when the woman of the day (or the hour) pays a visit. He's got more lines than the phone company. And he just inherited his baby brother, Buddy (John Cariani), who having just turned 21, makes his own declaration of independence from dear old dad and moves in for the duration.

The play is *Come Blow Your Horn*, a Neil Simon comedy set in 1961. Its messages are timeless.

Peopling the cast are an irascible father (James Harbour), who has for decades run a profitable business manufacturing wax fruit; a typical domineering, manipulating mother (Ruth Jaffe); and two of the women in their lives, Peggy (Jamie Watkins), who's aspiring to stardom, and Connie (Jenna Ware), the young woman Alan is falling in love with, though he is reluctant to admit it. Molly Meeker has a brief moment on-stage as an 11th-hour visitor.

As the story unfolds, Alan is caught between women, torn between his "flings" and his unfamiliar feelings of respect and affection for his Connie, who's pressing for commitment.

Brother Buddy is a shy, insecure virginal nerd who's about to get an education in what their father would call "being a bum."

Epstein is great, but he's overshadowed by Cariani, who transforms over the course of three acts from youth to ladies' man, keeping the audience laughing all the way to the end. Epstein doesn't recapture the spotlight until Act III when he sets his course for Connie and suddenly begins to sound just like his father.

As dear old dad, Harbour blusters and gestures and rants and raves about his lazy, good-for-nothing womanizing older son, until he finds rebellion in the younger ranks as well and fires both.

Jaffe is the befuddled mother whose answer to everything lies in whatever she's dishing up for dinner. In one scene, her quest for a pencil to take messages in the midst of incessant phone calls has the audience all but rolling on the floor with laughter; and, when she whips out a can of pledge from her handbag to clean up her sons' less-than-perfect apartment, she won over everyone.

Ware lends the right mix of vamp and ingenue as she struggles to win the man of her dreams.

Danny Peak directs and his sense of humor is never more evident than in the prancing, cha-cha-ing nerd-turned-playboy who emerges in Act III, following in the footsteps of an older brother who's about to change his ways.

Although the play is long and the seats never become more comfortable in this theater (bring cushions), the plays is brimming over with laughs and is well worth the watching. The show runs through Saturday, July 2nd.

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Pisano's Picks...

ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Hype Havoc 2

Here are yet some more films that were highly publicized but ultimately proved to be nothing great. Oh well, Hollywood still makes its money!

* *Sleeping With The Enemy*

Director: Joseph Ruben. 1991. Rated R. 1 hour and 39 minutes. Starring: Julia Roberts, Patrick Bergin, and Kevin Anderson.

The major attraction of this film was the "post *Pretty Woman*," Julia Roberts, as an abused wife who concocts an almost ingenious plan of escape to a new life—I said almost ingenious.

The film relies solely on the horrific impact that Patrick Bergin's deranged character has on the viewer. We sympathize with Roberts's character so much that the director hopes we don't notice the mindless things that Roberts's character does.

After planning an escape so foolproof that it's almost worthy for *Escape From Alcatraz*, we see Roberts after her "demise" (planned by her, of course) deciding to do the ludicrous—flushing her wedding ring down the toilet (literally!). I don't know about you, but that would seem quite chancy to me if I had just faked my death to leave my abusive spouse since it was his toilet.

Is it me, or would it have made much more sense to bury the ring, or better yet, toss it into the Pacific? Then again, this is Hollywood, and they need to provide a way for the film's baddie to realize his wife is still alive.

The ensuing chase proves to be the best drama in *Sleeping With The Enemy*. Fortunately, this lasts long enough on screen to save this film from being totally useless.

There are a few chilling characterizations, but the poor screenplay (including the aforementioned wedding ring scene) is in constant need of help in regards to entertaining an audience of conscious people. **2 STARS.** (17 years and up.)

* *Under Siege*

Director: Andrew Davis. 1992. Rated R. 1 hour and 43 minutes. Starring: Steven Seagal, Tommy Lee Jones, and Gary Busey.

Steven Seagal films have all combined martial arts, heavy artillery, and violence. Is *Under Siege* any different, you ask? Well, you decide.

The *USS Missouri* battleship is the battlefield. Incognito commandos try to take over the ship's nuclear arsenal. Of course, all but one man is taken in the hijack. I bet you can't imagine who or what he proceeds to do.

Is *Under Siege* anything different from Seagal? I'll still let you decide.

Besides the fact that this is a seabound rehash of the thrilling *Die Hard*, Seagal hasn't yet mastered acting. His paper-thin portrayals in his movies all center around the macho image who likes to beat up (or blow away) the baddies.

The film will appeal to Steven Seagal fans and groupies; but for true film fans, this battleship yarn has been hit by one too many torpedoes ... the biggest being Seagal. **1 STAR.** (17 years and up.)

* *Hudson Hawk*

Director: Michael Lehmann. 1991. Rated R. 1 hour and 35 minutes. Starring: Bruce Willis, Danny Aiello, and Andie MacDowell.

This ludicrous and totally unentertaining tale about thievery is a bomb, plain and simple. Bruce Willis tries too hard as a cool and suave burglar. The script is weak and contains the most embarrassing one-liners intended to be humorous.

So you saw the trailers for this film a zillion times a night and naturally were conditioned to see it. Those of you who never did, you are the lucky ones. It's boring, boring, boring!

You'll spend the entire movie waiting for something interesting to happen. Bad news—it never does. It's best described as one of those film flubs that have you asking yourself why you rented it to begin with.

I haven't viewed a motion picture this bad in a long while: You probably won't see one much worse for a while, either. Sorry, Mr. Willis, but your *Hudson Hawk* should have flown south for the winter. **½ STAR.** (16 years and up.)

(POSTSCRIPT: It's coming ... "Sardella's Selections, Part II." Watch for it!)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related topics that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of *The Agawam Advertiser•News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

Art Of Gloria McLellan At Ag. Post Office

"Art is a very private thing," stated area community artist Gloria A. McLellan. Agawam Community Artists (under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council) will be sponsoring an exhibit of McLellan's paintings during the month of July at the Agawam Post Office.

Born and raised in Agawam, McLellan has been teaching decorative art for over 35 years and has recently turned her attention to watercolors in the last 2½ years.

McLellan went on to say that she enjoys a variety of art forms. "If you enjoy art, you'll usually try any form that presents itself to you," she stated, adding, "I've done decorative wear, tray painting, stencils, and theorem painting for over 35 years."

McLellan added that she enjoys art because it's something personal that you can do "by yourself, anywhere, or anytime you want to."

"Another aspect of being an artist is that you never get bored," she explained. "There are always museums to go to and assorted lectures

and demonstrations, as well as nature to observe."

McLellan explained that as an artist, she looks at the forms and colors of trees and other natural formations a little differently: "I pick out the colors, observe shadows, and enjoy the harmony of it all."

McLellan and her husband have traveled extensively throughout Europe, and she hopes to visit Australia in the future.

McLellan studied under several artists but studied watercolors with artist Beverly Kaiser. She has exhibited her work in the area and has shown her work at two juried shows, including Baystate West and the Agawam Community Artists' show where she won "Best In Show" and "People's Choice."

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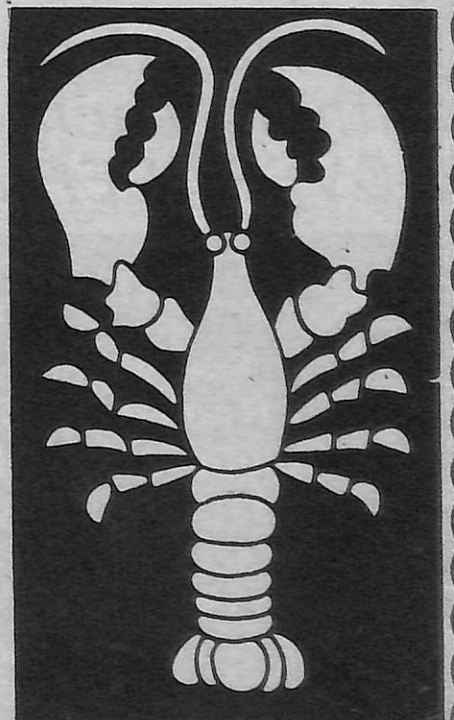
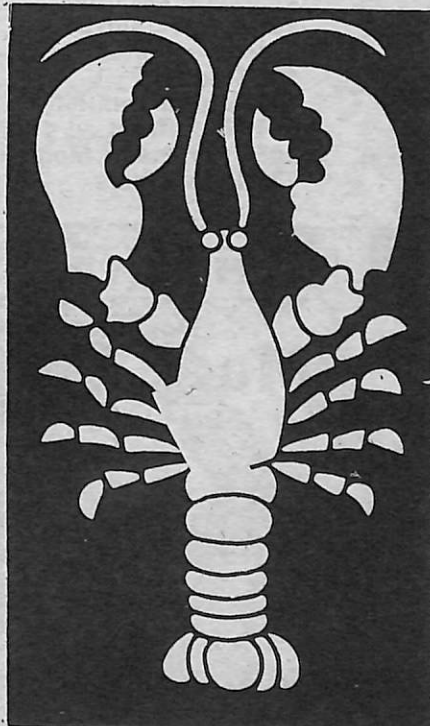
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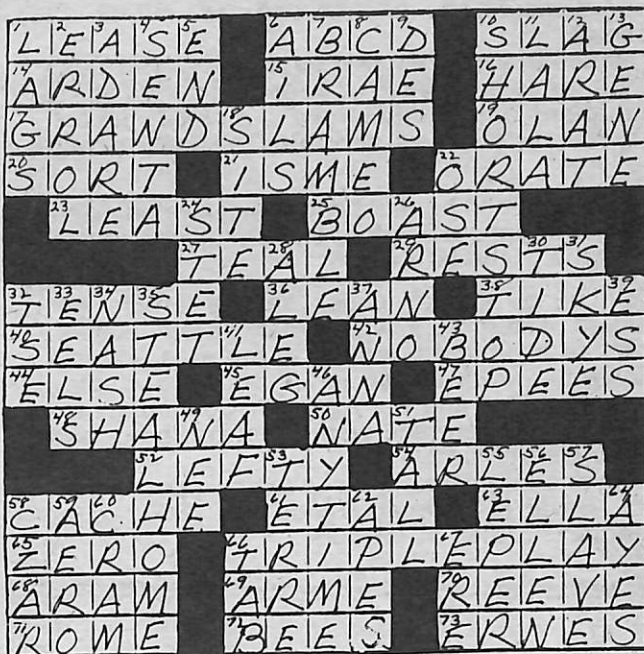
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Richard Mitnick To Perform Free Summer Concert On July 6th

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Richie is a graduate of the Herbert H. Lehman College of the City of New York. While in college, he performed nightly on the organ at a well-known restaurant. In 1979, Richie moved to Agawam to work for a dealer of organs. In 1983, he and a partner opened Sounds of Music, selling musical instruments. He has been doing so ever since.

Richie Mitnick loves to play and his music reflects the warmth he feels for the great standards and show music. Throughout the years he has given countless concerts in Western Massachusetts. His lovely wife, Kathy, often accompanies Richie on concert dates and will be performing with him on July 6th.

There will be many exciting treats for the audience at this summer concert. Ethel Lee, well-known vocalist, will be singing with Richie. Also, Anne Provencher, vocalist and a West Springfield police officer, will be performing.

Dan Kane, who has performed with Richie at concerts and clubs throughout the area, will sing. A special guest will be the well-known Rayford Hopper. Agawam native Margaret McKerrow, soprano, will be singing special Broadway music.

As a special treat, Richie Mitnick will present 80 year-old Libby Campa, noted pianist, who has played for Pearl Bailey and other celebrities. He will be accompanying Margaret Hill-Sarno, vocalist, who will be celebrating her 81st birthday on July 6th, the evening of the concert.

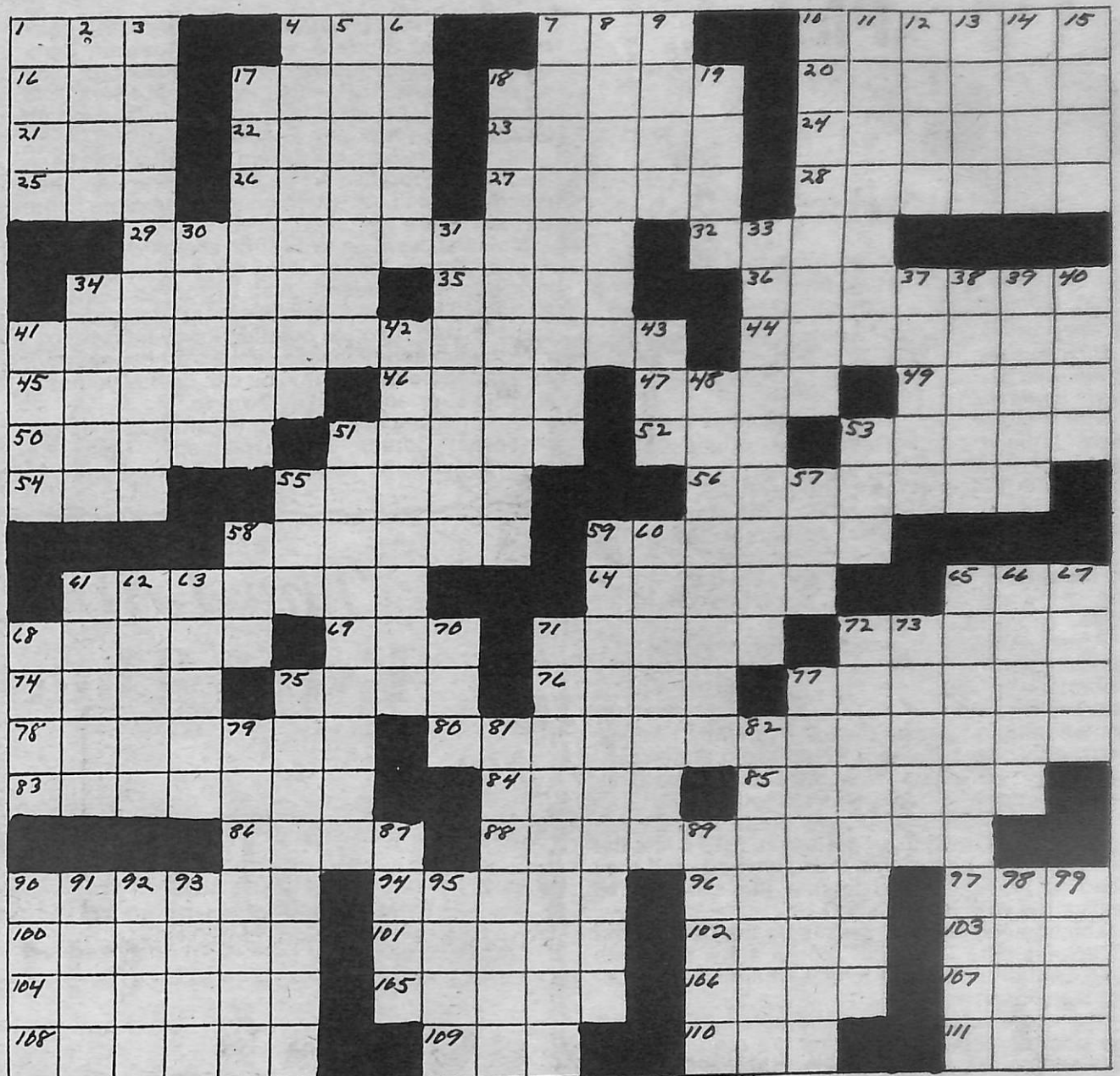
Snacks and soft drinks will be available this year. Thanks are due to the Rotary Club for sponsoring and staffing a snack center.

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All performances in this summer concert series are free and open to the public, and the entire series is funded by the Agawam Cultural Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Education

Smith Rovelli Ends Long Career In Town Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a career spanning three decades in Agawam education, retiring James Clark School principal Smith Rovelli has seen major changes in the very landscape of the town and in the make-up of the School Department, both physically and educationally. But Rovelli says the children themselves haven't changed much.

"I don't see any major changes in the children. They're basically good kids who follow the rules and work as hard as they can," Rovelli said.

The children are about the only aspect of education that hasn't changed in Agawam since Rovelli began his career in 1961 as a fourth grade teacher at Granger School.

As farmland was sold off for housing developments, student enrollment figures took a rollercoaster ride. Rovelli said the enrollment at Granger grew from 232 to 500 students within a seven year period. Later, that trend toward a growth in student enrollment took a nose-dive during the 1970's and projected enrollment figures ultimately led to the closing of Danahy and Peirce Elementary schools. Today, Danahy School serves as housing for the elderly and Peirce School houses the Agawam Police Department.

An increase in programs mandated by the state and federal governments has also changed the face of education in Agawam. "The major challenge has been that we didn't get a certain amount of funding and that's been a strain on the local budget," Rovelli said.

Rovelli said if he had one wish for the future, it would be for more state support to provide the funding for pilot programs like the integrated kindergarten at Clark School.

14 Years At Granger, Seven At Peirce

Before his appointment as the principal of Clark School 14 years ago, Rovelli taught fourth grade at Granger for 14 years and served as the principal of Peirce School for seven years. Rovelli said more than half of his teaching staff has been with him during his tenure as Clark School principal.

What he'll miss most when he steps down as principal is working with the staff and the children, Rovelli said.

"What I enjoy most about being in education is seeing the kids grow academically and socially. That's my big thrill and we work very hard at it," Rovelli said.

What he won't miss at all is the increase in paperwork and bureaucratic red tape demanded by state and federal oversight agencies. "Through the years, various forms have been added. But I can't for the life of me remember them taking any away and the changes to the forms have made them even more involved."

In addition to his responsibilities as an elementary school principal for 20 years, Rovelli served as the coordinator of the Chapter I remedial math and reading programs in the four elementary schools and the Middle School. "I'm quite proud of the program and the results we have obtained over the years," Rovelli said.

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RETIRING CLARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SMITH ROVELLI with members of his staff at his retirement party at Betty's Town House. From left - Nancy Swikalus, Sandy Hollinger (secretary), Janice Phillips, Rovelli, Shirley Lertora, Beverly DeGeorge, Gail Curnow, and Francesca Solon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE ROVELLI FAMILY were out to honor the retirement of Smith Rovelli as principal of Clark School. From left - Todd Rovelli, son; Janis (Rovelli) DeGrandpre, sister; Roger W. DeGrandpre, brother-in-law; Joyce W. Rovelli, Smith's mother; Smith; Barbara Rovelli, Smith's wife; Craig Rovelli, son; Claudia Rovelli, daughter-in-law; and Jeff Rovelli, son. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

A Poem For Smith Rovelli

by Louis Massoia, former School Committee Member

*This is the tale of a young lad,
Be he legend or myth.
An educator named Rovelli,
With a first name of Smith.*

*It happened during "the depression,"
16 years after "the War."
A boy was born to the Rovelli's,
Circa ONE-NINE-THREE-FOUR.*

*Now this young lad grew & was nurtured,
As his fable began to fill.
Playing round ball at Forest Park in winter,
In summer, baseball - Nathan Bill.*

*Next along came High School,
Classical Bulldogs - White & Blue.
He gave up sports and hit the books,
Graduated Honors - ONE-NINE-FIVE-TWO.*

*Then the "higher halls of learning,"
Was next in his bag of tricks.*

*Getting his Bachelor's from AIC,
In the year ONE-NINE-FIVE-SIX.*

*Now working was the next step,
As he aspired to be No. 1.
Became Grade 4 teacher at Granger,
In the Fall of SIXTY-ONE.*

*The progression continued on upward,
As he fine-tuned his skills to be.
Teaching by day and classes at night,
A Master's, AIC, SIXTY-THREE.*

*Seventy-FIVE became the turning point,
For this fine teacher to make his mark.
The Legend Named Barbara Skolnick,
Was promoted to Robinson Park.*

*This left a void at Peirce,
And the Principal's spot was pretty.
The School Board went into session,
And unanimously voted for "Smitty."*

*SEVENTY-FIVE to EIGHTY-ONE as Peirce
Principal renown,
He shaped and he molded the young minds of Town.
Then in the infinite wisdom,
Of the School Board's lament.*

*Peirce was earmarked for closing,
Due to "declining enrollment."
Now here was a Principal,
Whose future looked dark.*

*But along came an opening,
And made Principal of CLARK.
EIGHTY-ONE to NINETY-FOUR at Clark he
would stay,
Supervising & teaching - raising a family along
the way.*

*He learned his Math well,
This pillar of education.
Three sons were the product,
Of his Multiplication.*

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ROVELLI - from Page 38...

Until last year, Rovelli had been responsible for the ESL (English as a second language) Program throughout the school system. The program began with one student at Peirce School in 1975 while Rovelli was principal there. From its beginnings as an after-school one-on-one tutoring program, ESL has grown over the years to serve Spanish, French, Chinese, and Korean speaking children.

Presently, the program consists of one teacher for the elementary and middle schools and one teacher at both the Junior High and Agawam High School.

Rovelli said he was forced to give up responsibility for the program when his enrollment at Clark grew to 430 students, including the Early Childhood Program (before the Perry Lane Center opened in November).

Pleased With School Improvement Council

After the first year under the School Reform Act, Rovelli said he was pleased with the efforts of the School Improvement Council. As its top three areas of concern, the council focused on mutual respect, safety issues, and the expanded introduction of computers in the school.

Eventually, Rovelli said he'd like to see a position created as coordinator for computer technology for all the elementary schools.

Another major project undertaken during his last year at Clark has been the development of a proposal for an addition to the school.

Rovelli said the plans is for five rooms that will allow for a separate room for the school's library. Currently, the library shares space with the remedial math and reading program. According to Rovelli, the addition will also provide a permanent home for support services that include the school psychologist, physical therapist, and speech language pathologist.

Originally from Springfield, Rovelli and his wife, Barbara, a hometown girl, settled in Agawam in 1958. Looking back on the years spent raising sons Craig, Todd, and Jeff, Rovelli said, "I was always very actively involved with my kids."

At the former Agawam YMCA, Rovelli served on the board of directors for 10 years and spent time hiking, camping, and swimming with his sons.

For 12 years, Rovelli was a mainstay of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association. While his boys played baseball, Rovelli pitched in wherever he was needed. Rovelli remembers one hectic year when he coached in one league, served as a manager in another league, and was the commissioner for yet another league at SHAA.

Rovelli said he is facing his retirement with mixed emotions. When the children and the staff left the building June 23rd, Rovelli said he will tackle about a week's worth of paperwork before officially beginning his retirement.

With no definite plans on tap, Rovelli said he and Barbara are looking forward to having the time to travel at home and abroad.

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ROVELLI POEM - from Page 38...

*Now Barbara had a hand,
In this - to be sure.
Raising CRAIG, JEFF & TODD,
Was a lot to endure.*

*For his FOURTEEN years at Clark,
He has numerous things to show.
But sometimes he was riled,
By the new PTO.*

*The lunch room was the source,
And much in the news.
Sitting backwards or frontwards,
Which way would you choose?*

*As the problem escalated,
And got tighter and tighter.
Smitty was heard to remark,
"Go see MISTER RYDER."*

*THIRTY-FOUR years in all,
This mentor would spend.
As Teacher and Principal,
From beginning to end.*

*Now as he feels satisfaction,
As well as content.
His thoughts turn to resting,
In complete retirement.*

*We hope it's because of Barbara,
And he'll always stand beside her.
And not because of the "Super,"
Who we all know as MISTER RYDER.*



PHELPS SCHOOL TEACHER Janice Phillips (left) and school secretary Sandy Hollinger present retiring Clark School Principal Smith Rovelli with a gift at Rovelli's retirement party at Old Betty's Towne House. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

*Now retirement is golden,
Bill Miller tells Smitty.
Though Carol keeps him hopping,
Doing chores that aren't very pretty.*

*"Weed the flowers," "Mow the lawn,"
Are the orders she will bark.
So you better think again,
Before you leave JAMES CLARK.*

*Jim Bruno says, "Not so,
I'm bored outta my gourd."
"I miss those late night meetings,
And the wonderful School Board."*

*Now "Lefty," he's another,
Who says what he thinks.
But who can believe him,
He never loses the "links."*

*Ask Cliff and Darcy & Jim Loomis as well,
They all say retirement,
Is a "Bloody Living Hell."*

*So Smitty when you retire,
From life's competition.
You'll busy yourself,
With complete repetition.*

*You'll get up each morning,
And dust off your wits.
Pick up your paper,
And read the OBITS.*

*If your name is missing,
You'll know your're not dead.
So you'll have a good breakfast,
Then go back to bed.*

*And when all is said and done,
And you leave in a breeze.
Remember, "Old Principals" never die,
They just lose their faculties.*

Informal Playgroup For Toddlers At Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills parents of preschoolers aged 1½ to 2½ are invited to bring your toddlers to the library for informal playgroup sessions on four consecutive Fridays in July from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

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Happy 21st Birthday, Amy

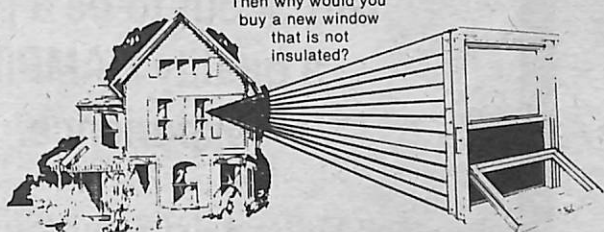
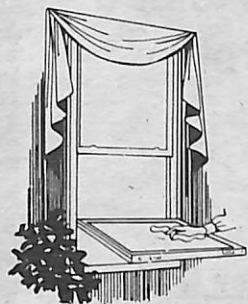


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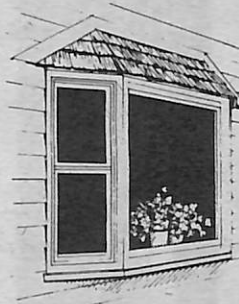
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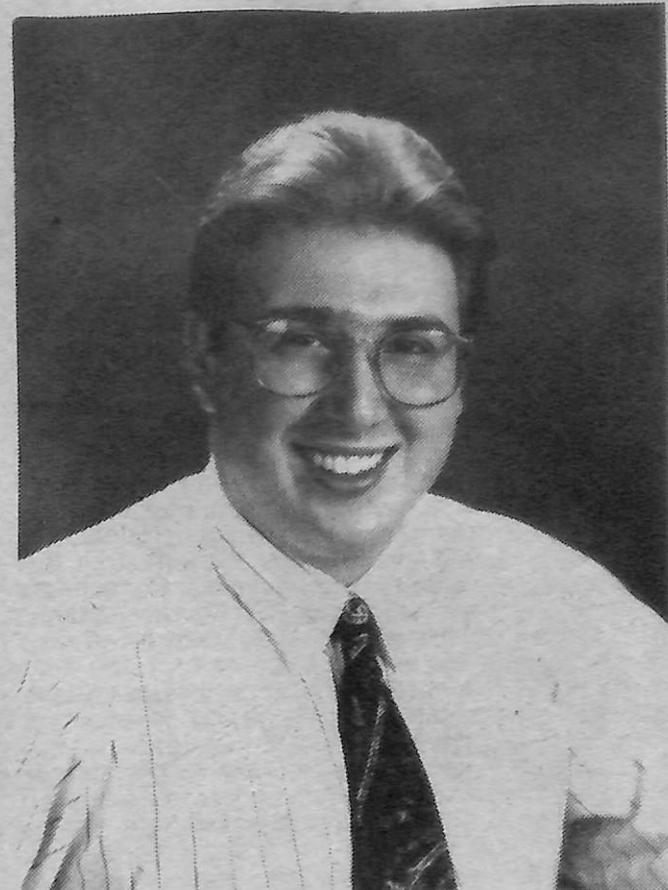
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AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS who attended the Annual Eighth Grade Dance included, from left - Courtney Locke, Andrea Davis, Nicole Quintin, and Erin Ottomaniello.

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CARL PERKINS

Carl Perkins Receives Lions Club Scholarship

Carl Perkins, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Perkins of 41 Dover Street, Agawam, had the honor of receiving a \$1,000 scholarship from the Agawam Lions Club.

Carl is a 1994 graduate of Westfield Vocational Technical High School. He graduated with Honors in the top 10 of his class.

Received also from Westfield Vocational Technical High was his Competency Certificate in Electrical Wiring, the Massachusetts Vocational Citizenship Award, and the LTJG John Patrick Connors Award for Leadership.

In addition, Carl was a recipient of the Agawam Congregational Church Nicholas and Marie Zucco Memorial Scholarship.

Carl has been accepted and will attend Springfield Technical Community College this fall, with his vocation in Energy Systems Technology, working towards his Associate in Science Degree.

Ellen P. Michaliszyn Named To Dean's List At Loyola University

Ellen Peters Michaliszyn, a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School, was recently named to the Dean's List at Loyola University Chicago, where she is majoring in computer science/math. She has also been selected to serve as an undergraduate teaching assistant in the math department for the upcoming school year.

Ellen is the daughter of Ken and Pam Peters of Feeding Hills.



CHAPERONES FOR THE ANNUAL Eighth Grade Dance were Donna Shibley, Nancy Melbourne, and Joyce Drenzek (standing); Seated - Ann Flury, Rosalie Dialessi, Diane Graveline, and Sue Hoague. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS who attended the Annual Eighth Grade Dance included Donald Hanna, Jr., and Amy Mastroian-ni. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Beauty & The Beast Performed By Students At Robinson Park

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Once again, off-Broadway producers Andy Bower and Patricia Burnett opened the limited run of their latest production to the delight and amazement of both audiences and theater critics alike.

"Beauty and The Beast," the latest in a long line of smash hits for the Robinson Park Musical Theater, starred the fourth grade students in Rooms 12 and 14 with choral support from the fourth grade chorus and instrumental support from music teacher Margaret Bielin at the piano.

Erin Corbin (Belle) and Colin Murray (Beast) starred in the familiar tale of the selfless love that ultimately breaks the spell on the beast and transforms him into the handsome prince.

With Gaston (Francis Barrington) determined to marry Belle despite the fact that she's not the least bit interested and with everyone's favorite songs from the movie, and the play kept an audience of Robinson students entertained for more than an hour.

Renowned for their meticulous attention to detail in costuming and set decoration and design, the production team of Bower and Burnett outdid themselves this year, creating costumes to rival the Tony Award winning versions currently seen on Broadway.

The pair's ingenuity extended to building a cupboard around Denis Marchetto's wheelchair and topping off his costume with a teacup-shaped hat to create the character Chip.

Brought to life on the stage were all the familiar characters from the Disney film, looking amazingly like the originals.

While all of the sewing was done by Mrs. Burnett, two Friday night sessions brought together a team of friends to assemble the costumes and the elaborate set. With the help of Agawam teachers Shirley Lertora, Patricia Murphy, Gloria Jean Sheiber, and Betty Walsh, as well as Sister Ellen Cecilia, the costumes and sets were ready on opening day.

Some parts of the set are familiar to patrons of past performers. For instance, the Beast's dungeon has been bank teller cages (*Mary Poppins*) and stairway railings (*Annie*). Much of the set, including sections designed and built by Raymond Brazee, is stored away for future use.

Mrs. Bielin met with the fourth grade chorus once a week over a two-month period to get ready for the production. Members of the chorus included:

Kathleen Barker, William Clark, Jennifer Jutte, Alan Megazzini, Alyson Nowell, Jennifer Orenstein, Erica Pelley, Christopher Polek, Adam Rovithis, Jaclyne Sapelli, Bonnie Herrick, Elizabeth Perry, Brian Barnes, Geoffrey Cartello, Danya Decoteau, Kathleen Demetron, Michael Hatmaker, Karl Konopka, Alicia Hedge, Kristin Mantolesky, Brianna Maroni, Joshua Martel, Alexander Psilos, and Katelyn Tierney.

With Kara Gilhooly as narrator, the cast included Erin Corbin, Colin Murray, Francis Barrington, Nathan Skiba, Sakhoon Kheumun, Christopher Seymour, Jennifer Dobise, Jessica Roy, Sarah Longtin, Kurt Pfeffer, Denis Marchetto, Renee Couture, Vincent Outhuse, Melissa Perry.

Alyson Garvey, Ronald Mesick, Jamie Johnson, Jamie Suffriti, James Powell, Jeremy St. Peter, Margaret Bulmer, Stephanie Sadowski, Michelle Cote, Michael Noes, Matthew Couture, Andrew Huffman, Curtis Miarecki, Ryan Sullivan, Scott Carpenter, William Kunasek, Paul Versace, and Emanier Ortiz.

Michael Ruscio, Vincenzo Tirone, Jenna Shea, Laura Keller, Lauren Powell, Gerald Champigny, John Slachetka, Amanda Fox, Tabitha Schutt, Lauren Cressotti, Paula Knapik, Katie McCarthy, Colin Reilly, Matthew Sypek, Larry Scafuri, Matthew Babcock, Kristina Farney, Jenna Rolandini, and Crystal Colon.

Quinnipiac Names Locals To Spring Dean's List

Feeding Hills residents Doreen Healey of 99 Forest Hill Road and Gina Milillo of 457 Southwick Street were among full-time undergraduate students named to the Dean's List for the recently completed spring semester at Quinnipiac College, Hamden, Connecticut.

Quinnipiac, a coeducational and nonsectarian institution, offers more than 47 undergraduate and graduate-level degree programs leading to careers in health sciences, business, liberal arts, education, and law.

The College currently enrolls 5,000 undergraduate, graduate, and law students.



ROBINSON PARK STUDENTS who served in roles as the townspeople in the school production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL students who comprised the castle staff in "*Beauty and the Beast*." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE FOURTH GRADE CHORUS, under the direction of Margaret Bielin, performed in the production of "*Beauty and the Beast*." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Outdoor Concert Helps Finish Year At Phelps School

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With nearly everyone decked out in the Phelps School colors of red and white, the students and staff gathered on Veteran's Green for their traditional outdoor spring concert. Even members of the audience seemed to know that it was Red and White Day at Phelps as many joined in the demonstration of school spirit.

The lawn soon filled up as family members toting lawn chairs and blankets and pushing baby carriages prepared to be entertained by the students (under the direction of music teacher Margaret Bielin).

Retired Principal William Miller and his wife, Carol, returned for the annual event and found preferred seating in the gazebo.

Miller said the spring concert is the only time parents are invited to attend a music program because the auditorium is too small to accommodate all the school's children and their parents. In order to include all the children in the music programs at the school, parents must wait until the outdoor spring concert.

Filing out of the school through a door decorated with red and white streamers, the children and their teachers took up their places on the lawn to present the program "United We Sing."

Mrs. Bielin said the program was a "celebration of music itself" and its importance in everyone's life.

With tambourines jingling, maracas shaking, and drums adding to the beat, the fourth graders opened the show with the title song, "United We Sing."

The kindergarteners were up next for an audience-pleasing cappella rendition of the ABC song asking the audience, "Next time won't you sing with me?"

First graders were next with "I Like Music" where they found that music was their friend.

With the hand motions so enjoyed by both performers and audiences, the second graders sang that music makes them want to stand up and shout as it reaches them "Down To the Bone."

Rockettes' Number Brings The House Down
The audience roared its approval as the children broke out into a Rockettes' routine complete with side-stepping, hand-clapping, and high-kicking to the music.

The fourth graders returned to the stage in a big band number that had them breaking off into couples for some 1940's-style dancing that drew cheers from the audience.

The third graders had their turn with "Don't Take My Music Away." With boomboxes in hand, the children sang of music as a force that helps them through the good times and the bad times of life.

Principal Robert Farrell congratulated Mrs. Bielin for "the great job she did organizing this music program that we've all enjoyed. She certainly deserves all the applause she receives," he said.

Assisting Mrs. Bielin in the production were speech language pathologist Louise Flak as sound engineer, and parent Louise Pilegi as all-around production assistant. "I don't know what I'd do without her!" Mrs. Bielin said.

The program was narrated by fourth graders Keith Gedney, Kevin Toto, Ryan Witherell, Josh Lewis, Evan Machos, Lindsay Morisset, Taryn Albano, Nicholas DePalma, Kate Barry, Brian McGuire, Jennifer Levesque, and Michael DeCaro.

Salem State College Presents Degrees To Agawam Residents

Dr. Nancy D. Harrington, president of Salem State College, is pleased to report that on Saturday, May 21st, Salem State College bestowed 1,338 undergraduate degrees to members of the Class of 1994 at the college's 184th commencement ceremonies.

The event was held in the Rockett Arena of the O'Keefe Sports Center.

Area residents receiving degrees were:
From Agawam: Robert W. Manning and Stephanie L. Palazzi; from Feeding Hills: Jennifer J. Scalise.

The keynote address was given by astronaut Mae C. Jemison. Honorary degrees were bestowed upon Senator Walter J. Boverini (First Essex District); professor emerita Margaret W. Dower; Wang Center president and CEO Josiah A. Spaulding, Jr.; and educator and art critic Robert S. Taylor.



PHELPS SCHOOL STUDENTS participate in festivities related to the Annual Spring Concert on the side lawn of the school on Main Street. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Plants Donated To Beautify High School



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB donated plants to beautify the landscape at the Agawam High School. From left - Joyce Bressemer-Granger, Junior Women's Club, and AHS students John Kerr and Kim Faust. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Two Town Residents Receive Scholarships From Mass. Society of CPA's

Two local students were recently awarded the Educational Foundation Achievement Award of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, Inc.

Brian Keith Hill of Feeding Hills is a graduate of Agawam High School and is currently studying accounting and management at Westfield State College. He is a student member of the Mass Society of CPA's and is the Westfield State College Accounting Society president.

Denise A. Landry of Agawam is also a graduate of Agawam High School and is currently studying accounting at Western New England College. She is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Society.

Each year the society presents an Award of Achievement to an outstanding student at each of the 26 Massachusetts colleges and universities offering an accounting major. The recognition of achievement is intended to encourage students to strive to excel.

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Under The Big Top At Granger School Proves Big Hit

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Granger kindergarten students of Leann McKeever, Pat Kallfa, and Linda Geiger recently attended a circus performance without ever leaving their school. No bus trip was necessary—just a short walk down the hall to Room 7 where the students of teacher Jackie Hayes became lion tamers, acrobats, clowns, musclemen, animal trainers, and magicians that amazed the audience with their daring exploits and magic tricks.

With Mrs. Hayes as the ringmaster, the fourth Annual Room 7 Circus proved a delight for performers and audience members alike.

There was even a circus family band with kindergartener **John Lennon** on drums joined by his brother, Middle School student **Patrick Lennon** on the trumpet, and his dad, John, on the trombone. The Lennon Family Band performed a medley of children's songs, including favorites like Barney's theme song that soon had the children clapping along to the music.

With posters of a circus wagon and circus animals as a backdrop, the tiny performers dazzled the audience with their graceful acrobatics as well as their feats of daring-do on the tightrope and with wild animal acts.

Lion tamers **Zac Matys** and **Matt Sabola** relied on stuffed animals to jump through the "ring of fire" and **Stephanie Gamelli** had the audience giggling as her parrot echoed every word she said. **Lindsie Lavin** clowning around with her dog, **Bandit**, for the morning's only live animal act.

Christin Peters and **Kevin Arbelaez** put together a synchronized performance of cartwheels, splits, and backflips, and **Marisa Ayotte** and **Allison Nyman** performed somersaults on the tightrope.

Culmination Of Two Weeks Of Study

The circus is the culmination of two weeks spent studying circus life, according to Mrs. Hayes. The children learn about the behind-the-scenes life of circus families and were particularly interested to learn that the children cannot attend school regularly and must get their education through correspondence courses.

While they are studying circus life, the housekeeping play area is replaced by a circus area so that the children can begin to get their acts together.

With the circuses coming to the area each spring, it's a perfect time for the children to learn more about life in a circus family where the children often become part of their parents' acts, Mrs. Hayes said.

After the performance, Mrs. Hayes praised their efforts. "I'm so proud of you. You make up your own acts. Let's give ourselves a round of applause!" The children agreed and responded with enthusiastic cheers.

To incorporate their study of money and addition and subtraction facts into the project, Mrs. Hayes prepares balloons and bags of popcorn, cotton candy, and peanuts to "sell" to the children. The children each receives a nickel and five pennies to make their purchases. With the items priced at one, two, or five cents, the children have the chance to buy some goodies while they are practicing their math and change-making skills.

With parents **John & Linda Lennon** helping to pass out the snacks and make change, the children soon were munching on the treats as they relaxed after a job well done.

While producing the Room 7 Circus involves a tremendous amount of planning and work, "I enjoy every minute of it," Mrs. Hayes said. "I get a bigger kick out of it than the kids."

Toshiaki Kojima Earns Degree From Boston U

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 4,304 students during commencement exercises on Sunday, May 16th.

Among the graduates was Agawam resident **Toshiaki Kojima**, who received a BA in Chemistry.

Boston University is the third largest independent institution of higher learning in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges.

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GRANGER SCHOOL kindergarten teacher Jackie Hayes and parent John Lennon were two good reasons why the recent circus at the school was such a success with kindergarten students. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Wendy Pudlo Grad Cum Laude From Mount Holyoke

Wendy Teressa Pudlo, a native of Feeding Hills, has graduated cum laude from Mount Holyoke College. Representative Nita Lowey, Democrat from New York and Mount Holyoke alumna, spoke to the Class of 1994 at the May 22nd commencement ceremony.

She urged the graduates to live up to the ideals of leadership and service that Mount Holyoke alumnae have exemplified, as many have gone on to pioneer women's achievements in fields traditionally reserved for men.

Wendy was a Sarah Williston Scholar and elected to Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. She majored in psychology.

Wendy is the daughter of Ronald and Pamela Pudlo.

Mount Holyoke College, located in South Hadley, is a premier liberal arts college for women. Founded in 1837, it is the oldest continuing institution of higher learning for women in the United States.

Two Locals Earn Degrees From UMass-Lowell

Feeding Hills residents Debra J. Bull and Kathryn B. St. Hill were among students awarded degrees at the University of Massachusetts Lowell commencement ceremonies held on Sunday, June 5th.

The University of Massachusetts Lowell, second-largest of the five campuses in the University system, currently enrolls 13,000 undergraduate and graduate students in six colleges: Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health Professions, and Management.

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Mexican Exchange Most Memorable For AHS Grad

by Holly Pevzner
Advertiser News Staff

Steve Decoteau is your typical 19 year-old American teenager. He enjoys football, soccer, guitar, the usual stuff. He also has a fondness for foreign language.

So much so that last August, Steve packed his bags and headed for Oaxaca, Mexico as part of the American Intercultural Program (AFS) that allowed Steve to study abroad.

The AFS chapter here in Agawam is 20 years old and is coordinated by a dedicated community chapter. The AFS program has been helping students raise money and study the languages and cultures of foreign countries for nearly 50 years in the USA.

Since Steve was a sophomore at AHS, he has been involved with this program. Once he began attending their meetings and observing the international students who had come to study in America, Steve became more interested. By the time his junior year rolled around, Steve was seriously considering studying in another country.

"The AFS students were so close (here in Agawam) and it looked like they were having a great experience. I just wanted to be a part of that." And a part of it he would soon be, much to the surprise of Steve's mom and dad, Pat and Donna.

"My family didn't believe me. They thought it would just go away in a month." The Decoteau family changed their tune when Steve found sponsors, raised most of the funds, and got accepted into the AFS Program. Once Steve's family saw his determination, they were, in Steve's words, "100 percent behind me."

Only A Month-And-A-Half To Raise Funds

In order to cover the necessary expenses, Steve went to local businesses asking for donations. Since Steve had missed the deadline to apply for the AFS Program, he had only a short month-and-a-half to raise the needed money. With the help of many local businesses, and a donation from Agawam AFS, in addition to church dinners, Steve was on his way.

On August 23rd of last year, Steve boarded a plane, leaving his friends, family, and country behind. With a few stops in between, he landed in Mexico a couple of days later. This was not what Steve had expected. "I got there with an image (like that of the travel brochures) and I arrived into the second poorest state in Mexico."

But soon, Steve saw more of Oaxaca, Mexico than its poverty. What the state lacked in wealth it gained in culture. Even though Oaxaca was the second poorest in its country, it was the richest in art. Many of the surrounding villages were havens of Indian art, pottery, painting, and clothing.

Upon Steve's arrival in Mexico, he had three years of Spanish behind him. One would think that this background would significantly help Steve in his communicating with the Mexicans. Not so. For his first month or so in this new country, Steve was lucky to catch a phrase or two he understood.

"During the first month, everything just goes over your head. You feel like you are on another planet." After Steve had given up trying to conjugate everything in his head, the Spanish language just flowed. Actually, Steve had a bit of trouble coming back to English when he returned to the states on June 2nd.

Even with the slight language barrier, Mexico welcomed this young American with open arms. Decoteau described the atmosphere as "very friendly. They always offer you a smile and a hello." The students don't form small cliques, as they tend to do here in America. Teens are always with a group of about 15-25 kids, he said.

The typical weekend might include a large group heading to the movies then to the center of town to talk and share a cup of coffee. Sometimes, Steve and his new friends opted for dancing instead, not returning home until 3:00 a.m.

While in Mexico, Steve did not simply stay out all hours of the night; he did go to school, too. At first, Steve would get himself out of bed at 6:00 a.m. But as time wore on and he became more comfortable with his surroundings, Steve hit the snooze button until just before 8:00 a.m., giving him just enough time to eat breakfast with his host family.

At Steve's school, Blaise Pascale High School, students have the option of choosing either an



STEVE DECOTEAU, a 1994 Agawam High graduate who spent his senior year on an exchange in Mexico, said the Aztec Indian Empire ruins like the ones pictured above are truly amazing.

arts track or a science track. Steve picked the sciences. After all, he does want to be a biochemist after attending Springfield College.

Each of Steve's classes were 50 minutes long, with two breaks in between. At these recesses, students could eat, watch some television, even some American TV, or go outside and play kickball or baby-foot (mini-soccer). When Steve returned home, the entire family would enjoy a large meal, called a comida, at 3:00 p.m.

Although it took some getting used to, Steve soon "fell in love" with Mexico's hot and spicy dishes. "It is nothing like Taco Bell," claims Steve. Even though the Mexican food was great, Steve occasionally would crave his mother's Italian pasta.

Besides his mother's cooking, Steve also missed his family and friends. Because of the high cost, Steve only spoke to his family once a month. But the local post office was kept busy with the Decoteau family often writing back and forth. Steve was also able to keep in touch with his Agawam classmates (sort of). While in Mexico, Steve wrote a column for the Agawam High School newspaper, the MIRROR. Steve's 10th grade English teacher, Larry O'Brien, also the newspaper advisor, suggested the idea. Steve thought it was a great idea, and contributed "Notes from Oaxaca" to the paper.

Full Of Questions About Americans

The Mexican citizens were full of questions for Steve, wanting to know all about the United States. The teens thought all Americans ran wild, eating hamburgers and chips, while gulping Coca-Colas all day. Perhaps that would explain their craving for anything American. The richer members of the community adorn themselves in Levi's and Bugle Boys, and Steve describes them as "very Americanized."

At the start of January, an Indian insurrection broke out in Chiapas, the state bordering Oaxaca. Steve stated, "I was kind of nervous." There was a strong possibility that Steve would be moved to another state, or even shipped back to Agawam. Luckily, the fighting ceased in about four days. (But when Steve left Mexico, there were still political protests going on.)

Even with the nearby bloodshed, Steve didn't have to think twice when asked if he'd do it again. "Of course," he answered matter-of-factly. While Stephen is attending Springfield College this fall, his thoughts will be on a semester abroad. Thinking Steve would travel to maybe Panama or Spain to show off his new found Spanish skills? No, Stephen would rather travel to France and pick up a third language. When at college, Stephen won't be able to travel through the AFS Program (for the organization is only for high school students).

Although Stephen missed his senior year with his classmates at AHS, he has had an experience he won't soon forget. "Everyone is a family in AFS. I will keep in touch with every single one of them. This was an incredible experience."

NOTE: Steve Decoteau would like to extend his thanks to the Town of Agawam for their support. He would especially like to say thank you to the Agawam AFS Community Board for its continuing efforts in promoting the program, and to Agawam McDonald's for its fundraising help with a pancake breakfast.



STEVE DECOTEAU, a member of the Agawam High Class of 1994, is pictured with his Mexican host sister, Karina, 16, and host brother Jose, 14.



A TYPICAL MEXICAN FOLKLORE dance is pictured by Agawam's Steve Decoteau during his year exchange sponsored by American Intercultural Programs (AFS).

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AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH BAND STUDENTS received medals for their many fine performances during the 1993-94 school year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Band Students At Jr. High Receive Medals For Excellence In 1993-94

Fifty-one eighth grade students recently received band medals at Agawam Junior High School. This year's group appeared at the Big E, the AIC Homecoming Parade, and at Memorial Day and Flag Day ceremonies in Agawam.

The many honors bestowed upon this year's band include a silver medal at the Massachusetts Instrumental Conductors' Association State Band Festival; a silver medal at the Western District Jazz Band Championships; an excellent rating at

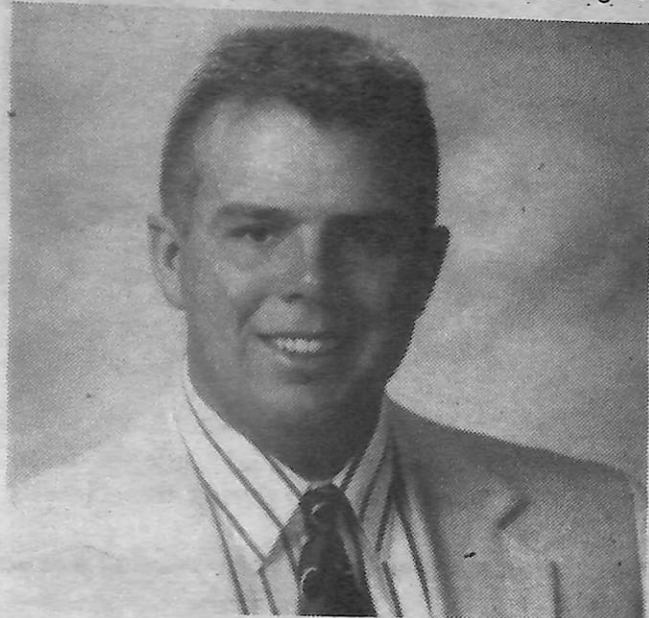
the Great East Music Festival; and a gold medal at the Musical Carousel Festival in Lake George, New York.

Individuals who were recognized included:
*** District:** Carolyn Cline, Kate Anderson, Angela Tassinari, Daryl St. Laurent, Mike Albino, Tim Faust, Charlie Denison, Shaun Kane, Joella Raiche, Brad Tilden, Chris Trevethan, David Cassanelli, Kevin Cornwell, Dan Hendrix, Pat Blevins, and Ryan White.

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The 110-member group is one of the largest in the state and is under the direction of Tammy Watson.



JOHN S. BENJAMIN

John S. Benjamin Graduates From Western New England

John S. Benjamin, the son of Roy and Virginia Benjamin of Feeding Hills, recently graduated from Western New England College with a bachelor of science in business administration.

While attending WNEC, John majored in finance with a minor in economics. He was a member of the Financial Management Association and played varsity football.

John is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School and now is going into business with his father as a general contractor.

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Three AHS Students Score High On SATs



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Christina Bousquet, Barbara Bitgood, and Steven Martin. The three were among the highest 50,000 SAT scorers in the country, and 15,000 of whom will be named semi-finalists. Also in photo are Rosemary Stratton, English Department chairwoman, and Susan Pettazzoni, School Committee member. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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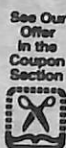
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TARA BRITTAIN

Tara Brittain Earns Associate's Degree From Bay Path College

Tara Brittain, daughter of Peter and Gail Brittain of Feeding Hills, graduated from Bay Path College in Longmeadow on May 21st. She received an associate in science degree and was enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program.

A Dean's List student, Tara received a service award for leadership in campus organizations.

Doreen Healy Receives Vets Degree From Quinnipiac College

Doreen Healey of 99 Forest Hill Road, Feeding Hills received her bachelor's degree in Veterinary Technology during the 63rd annual commencement exercises held on Sunday, May 22nd at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Connecticut.

The 625 candidates receiving bachelor's and master's degrees at the ceremony have completed their requirements in one of four of the College's schools: Health Sciences, Business, Liberal Arts, or Graduate and Continuing Education.

College President John L. Lahey welcomed the graduates, their families, friends, and other members of the College community. Degrees were conferred by President Lahey and Pasquale Abbate, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The commencement address was delivered by Edward Asner, stage, screen, and television actor and activist, who was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters were also awarded at the ceremony to Fred W. Friendly, former CBS News president, and Rhena Schweitzer Miller, daughter of the late humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Details On Back-To-School Science Contest Are Available Now

Area science teachers will have all summer to review science contest details available now from Continental Cablevision. The Discovery Channel and Continental Cablevision have launched a science contest, "Suit Up for the Space Shuttle," to help teachers light a spark in fourth and fifth grade students this September.

The contest, designed by U.S. Space Camp educators to enhance science curricula, is a two-week lesson plan of activities that culminates with four-person student teams building space suits.

In addition to local prizes, Grand Prize winning teams and their teachers will go to U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, for a five-day visit.

Area science teachers can use the summer to plan for the contest by requesting full details of the contest by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Science Contest, Continental Cablevision, 1127 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Fun Day Held At Phelps School



ENJOYING THEIR WATERMELON and cold drinks at the Annual Fun Day at Phelps School on June 16th were, from left - Kristin Murphy, Heather Pisano, and Danielle Craig. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TIRES IN THE OBSTACLE COURSE were challenging for Phelps School students, from left - Alissa Tully, Ashley Miquette, Nicole Roy, and Lindsay Petrucci during the school's Annual Fun Day on June 16th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM UNICO held its Annual Awards & Scholarship Banquet at Alexander's Restaurant. From left - Class of 1994 member Nicole DeCosmo received the Annual Brian Piccolo Award (honorable mention) from member Walter Balboni; in next photo, Celeste Bishop received a UNICO Education Grant from member Dennis Marchetto; and Eric Mastroianni received the Brian Piccolo Award from member Walter Balboni. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

AHS State DAR Scholarship Awardee



KAREN EATON, a member of the Agawam High School Class of 1994, was named the winner of the Massachusetts State Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship (DAR). Karen will be attending Gordon College in the fall. She is being congratulated by Paul Cavallo, AHS Guidance Department chairman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam UNICO Scholarship Winners



AGAWAM UNICO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE members Louis Russo (left) and Walter Balboni (right) presented scholarships to Agawam High School Class of 1994 members at the club's recent awards banquet. Students in photo are Amy R. Annino, Marie Fortier, Matthew Bellico, and Rose Pignatare. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Sports

Tri-County Baseball...

Altobelli Wins It For Agawam

by Brian Colby
Advertiser News Correspondent

It was a fast game last Monday night at Harmon A. Smith Field, as the Agawam Tri-County team defeated the Hines Financial Group, thanks to a Bob Altobelli two-run double off the leftfield fence in the bottom of the sixth.

The first three innings flew by, as it was a pitchers' duel all the way. It wasn't until the top of the fourth when the visitors got the first hit of the game. The hit would prove useless, as Nathan Wooley would make a diving catch at short!

He came up with the ball and doubled up the runner at first. (Nice play, Nate.) The number-three hitter, Mark Ceresa would ground uselessly to the pitcher to end the inning. Agawam wouldn't get more than a walk by Brian Doyle in their half of the fourth.

The visitors would be shot down in the fifth with nothing more than a harmless walk given up by Jeff Spanswick, who pitched a spectacular game for Agawam that evening.

Agawam would finally get their first hit by Frank Mochak in the bottom of the fifth as he ripped one to center, but a strike out, a pop out, and ground out would make the hit useless.

Hines would get a double by their leadoff hitter, Bob O'Neil, but would not be able to do anything with it in the sixth.

It's Showtime!

The only inning—or half an inning, I should say—that was interesting was the bottom of the sixth, since so far this game, this was the only half an inning that had more than four batters.

Matt Edgerly led off with a walk, but was thrown out later stealing. A pop out by Jed Brietbart would make two, but the Agawam fans should not have ever feared, as Doyle and Ray Burgess would get back-to-back singles, thereby setting the stage for Bob Altobelli's two on/two out performance.

The count went two and two before with one swing of the bat. Altobelli put one off the leftfield fence, putting Agawam up 2-0.

The visitors would get only a walk in the top of the seventh, as Spanswick once again shut them down for the Agawam 2-0 victory.

Agawam had a rough game Monday night, as they lost a tough one, 5-4, to the Westfield Platers.

Edgerly had two RBI's and Doyle went three for three, but that wouldn't be enough as the Platters put up five runs in their part of the sixth to defeat Agawam, 5-4.

Agawam now stands at eight wins, five losses, and one tie.

Youth Football Sign-Ups Available At Park & Rec. Dept.

Players who missed the recent sign-up for the Agawam Youth Football Association will be able to register at the Agawam Park and Recreation Department office. To be eligible, players must reside in Agawam.

The Junior Division consists of players in grades four to six. Sixth graders may not turn 13 prior to January 1st, 1995.

The Senior Division consists of players in grades seven and eight. Eighth graders may not turn 15 prior to January 1st, 1995.

Sign-up fees are \$75 per player, \$100 per family (two players). For additional information, call 786-3846.

Boys' Basketball Camp Scheduled For July

The former WNEC Boys' Basketball Camp has moved to Grande Meadows Tennis & Health Club this year. Boys from nine to 16 years of age are welcome.

There will be two sessions: July 11th-15th, and July 18th-22nd. The camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily.

For further information, call Mike Martin at 789-0494 (h) or 732-3153 (w), or Lou Conte at 786-7729.

Men's Softball...

Teddy Bear Outlasts Desi's, 13-10; Paul's Falls To Heritage Hall

by Brian Colby
Advertiser News Correspondent

It was a cloudy evening Tuesday night at Borgatti Field as Desi's Place took on Teddy Bear Pools in men's softball competition. Both of these teams stand in the middle of the hunt, as playoffs are only a few weeks away.

The game would be a wild one. Desi's would jump out to a 1-0 lead after their part of the first, thanks to an RBI single by Sam Alfarone. Teddy Bear Pools, however, would put up four runs in their part of the fifth.

Desi's would tie it up in the second, thanks to hits by Jimmy Adams, Vix Bodziak, and Jimmy Carmeo. After a see-sawing battle in the third and fourth, the score would stand at 9-7, Desi's Place.

It would prove deadly in the bottom of the fifth, as Teddy Bear Pools would come out shootin' and take the lead, 11-9. The sixth would be quiet, as both teams would take on a few here and there.

At the top of the seventh, however, Desi's had its last chance to get the bases loaded, but Alfarone's shot to left would be caught to end the game, 13-10 Teddy Bear Pools.

The second game of the evening would prove to be a little more exciting, as Heritage Hall would defeat Paul's Lounge in a decisive 6-2 victory. Heritage Hall has the higher standing, but both of these teams are still in the pack race for the playoffs.

The most interesting inning would prove to be the first, as Heritage Hall would pour on hit after hit, RBI after RBI, thanks to rips by Ronnie Joe who had a triple, Kevin Delorge who singled, as did Scott Delorge and Mark Gahr.

Bruce Barnett also had a two-run single. After the first, Heritage Hall would have a strong 5-0 advantage.

The second and third innings would be slow, as both teams would go down in order both times. It wouldn't be until the top of the fourth that Paul's Lounge would get its first run on a sac fly by Charlie Valentine.

That would prove to be all the action that night. Heritage Hall would put up one more run on a sac fly by Ronnie Joe, and Paul's Lounge would get one more on a hit by Gahr, but Heritage Hall would hold on to win by a score of 6-2.

Big Bike Race To Benefit Brightside

The Fourth of July usually means flags and fireworks, but this year you can add the excitement of a major bicycle race and lots of family-oriented events. It's "Brightcycle '94," a bike race and family fun day to benefit Brightside For Families and Children.

The event is co-sponsored by Cycle Fitness of Longmeadow, and it is expected to draw hundreds of bicycle racers from across New England to the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield. The race has been held the last several years in Middletown, Connecticut, with up to 800 cyclists taking part annually.

Races will be held in 10 different categories, from toddlers on tricycles riding 100 feet to Elite Expert racers riding a 30-mile circuit around the grounds. A total of \$3,500 in cash and prizes will be awarded. The races are officially sanctioned by the United States Cycling Federation, the governing body of bicycle racing in the U.S.

Along with the racing excitement, Brightcycle '94 will feature carnival games for children (and the young at heart) during the morning, a bike rodeo, face painting, and other events for the entire family. Refreshments will be available.

Admission to Brightcycle '94 is free, and entry fees for the races range from \$3 for the toddler events (ALL participants receive prizes) to \$22 for the top adult racers. Helmets are required for ALL races.

Races begin at 8:00 a.m., with registration opening at 7:00 a.m. and closing 30 minutes before each race. (The day-long event is expected to conclude by 4:30 p.m.) A \$5 fee will be added for registration on the day of the event.

For pre-registration, checks should be made payable to Brightside, Inc. and mailed to Diane Hessinger, Brightside For Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. For additional information, contact Diane at (413) 788-7366, ext. 4271.

Kidney Foundation To Benefit From Crestview Tournament

The National Kidney Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island will hold the Annual Cadillac Invitational Golf Tournament featuring the Million Dollar Shoot-Out, sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Kidney Center on July 7th starting at the Crestview Country Club, Agawam at 1:00 p.m.

The Million Dollar Shoot-Out is a first-time event for the tournament and has created great excitement. Qualifying golfers will have a chance to shoot for a hole-in-one to win \$1,000,000.

"The Western Massachusetts Kidney Center and its affiliate B.M.A. of Chicopee are proud to sponsor the National Kidney Foundation and their efforts in the areas of research and patient services. We are the largest of these services in Western Mass. and will support all the efforts of the National Kidney Foundation for the eradication of Kidney Diseases," stated Mike O'Neil, administrator of the Western Massachusetts Kidney Center located on Main Street in Springfield.

"The Cadillac Invitational Golf Tournament is a national amateur golf tournament benefitting the National Kidney Foundation. It uniquely combines the prestigious tradition of Cadillac Motor Car Division of General Motors Corporation with the philanthropic endeavors of the National Kidney Foundation. It is the largest corporately sponsored amateur charity golf event in the world," stated Dianne Fabrocini-Kopec, regional director for the National Kidney Foundation.

Winners of this tournament will be invited to compete in the national finals to be held at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, California in January to compete for the Cadillac Invitational National Championship title.

The July 7th event boasts several chances to win hole-in-one prizes. Orr Cadillac in Springfield is the sponsor of the 1994 Cadillac Sedan DeVille. Other hole-in-one prizes include a pair of round-trip tickets to any destination serviced by Northwest Airlines, a one-year supply of Top-Flite Tour Z-Balata Golf Balls, a complete set of Maxfli VHL Irons, portable "Oki" cellular phone, two tickets anywhere in the Continental United States, a Teddy Bear Pools home spa or swimming pool, a big screen TV compliments of Manny's TV & Appliance, and a complete golf outfit courtesy of Fran Johnson/Nevada Bob's. All are on Par 3 holes.

There will also be prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin. In addition, each participating golfer will receive, compliments of Orr Cadillac, a Lecoqsporif golf shirt, goodie bag, a sleeve of Spalding golf balls, 18 holes of golf, power cart, use of practice tee, lunch, dinner, and on-course beverages, according to Kopec. There will also be a raffle and auction, including several round-trip tickets courtesy of Peter Pan.

The Million Dollar Shoot-Out will follow the tournament with the four qualifiers of the closest to the pin winners. Each winning team member in the first place foursome will receive round-trip airfare courtesy of Northwest Airlines to and from any of Northwest Airline's destinations in the Continental United States.

Chairman of the event is Dr. David Poppel and Honorary Chairman is News40's Dave Madsen, who will also serve as master of ceremonies at the awards dinner and auction following the tournament.

Entry fee for the Cadillac Invitational is \$150 per person. Registration information may be obtained by calling the National Kidney Foundation at (413) 783-4106. Entry forms are also available at Manny's TV & Appliance located on Boston Road in Wilbraham or at the Crestview Country Club in Agawam.

More than 15 million Americans suffer from some type of kidney disorder, while over 100,000 Americans die each year from a related kidney disease. Another 100,000 Americans presently receive dialysis treatments. Only 20 percent of patients awaiting a kidney transplant will receive one. The rest will die.

High blood pressure and diabetes result in 20 percent of all end-stage kidney diseases. The National Kidney Foundation is responsible for over \$1,000,000 in kidney related grants per year. Although research remains the primary focus of the Foundation, patient services, organ donor awareness, and education are also strongly supported.

Kopec stated, "The numbers are staggering. But with the ongoing continued financial support of philanthropic individuals, corporations, foundations, and civic organizations, the National Kidney Foundation can continue the search for the cure to kidney disease."

All proceeds from this tournament will benefit the National Kidney Foundation.

Racing At Riverside...

Ed Kennedy Wins "Rainy" Modified Race On June 25th

On Saturday, June 25th, it was a night of rain and Bumper-To-Bumper action for both the official sponsors and the race drivers at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA.

Through caution after caution, the rain-delayed feature finally got in ... but not without some heated battles both on and off the racetrack. The speedway never had so many hardships to overcome, and the crowd of 5,193 never missed a lap.

It was Texas driver **Ed Kennedy** who came from 17th to take the lead. Eric LeClair led from the pole in the Modified 50 for six laps, then it was Wade Cole who dominated the action until Bobby Gee broke from the pack.

At this point, veteran Stan Greger had also moved into the top three positions. Then, off turn four, Greger would make contact with Bobby Gee and Wade Cole. NASCAR Chief Steward Dick Brooks then penalized Greger, who would not return.

Lap 19 was the toughest, as Chris Kopec was run high by Kennedy. Then it was the race to the stripe as Kennedy pulled away with Kopec all over his back bumper. Dan Avery also lost a lap early and still held on for the points.

In the latter laps of the events, Jim Houghton and Richard Savary came from the back to challenge up front. Another strong run was turned in by Brian Miller and Jim Dolan.

In the final laps, Ed Kennedy built up a great lead to cross the finish line first. The battle for the rest of the top five finishers ultimately concluded with Richard Savary (C&W Horse) taking second, followed by Chris Kopec (Mutual Ford), Jim Houghton (sponsor wanted), and Brian Miller.

Sixth through 10th were Jimmy Dolan, Carl Erickson, Eddy Spiers, Dan Avery, and Wade Cole.

"It's great to be back home at the Park; I love winning here. I am sorry that Kopec thought I pushed him high, but the track is very slick," said Kennedy. "This was a needed win for my team and Ralf Solhem."

Mike Wood led the first seven laps of the Pro Stock feature; then, **Lou Prior** took the lead on the inside and never gave up, thereby winning his second victory of the 1994 season.

Bennett Fuller did a great job, and his strong run earned him second place. Third was Tom

Fearn over Tom Carey and Jeff Horn.

Rounding out the top 10 were Dave Caruso, Ted Hebert, Mike Wood, Sumner Chapman, and John Lobo.

Lou Prior was thrilled with the win and jumped up and down on the roof of his Mizzy-sponsored car in victory lane.

In the 50-lap Pro Four Modified feature, Renee Dupuis jumped out into the lead as Jerry Solimito hunted her down. Then, frontrunners like Doug Dell, Paul Lamonica, and Mike Petrizzo were all challenging up front.

On lap 19 (with no warning at all), the rain came and half the field wrecked because of the sudden change in the sudden; it took over an hour to dry the track. Once back to green, Renee held on till **George Savary** took the lead on the bottom.

In the final laps, it was Savary for the win over Jerry Solimito, Renee Dupuis, Mike Petrizzo, and George Sherman. Sixth through ninth were earned by Mark McLean, George Ruff, Ken Hirt, and Doc Marciniec.

Mike Bushior led in the Late Models on a slick race track, as **Fred LaForge** took advantage of the surface to dominate the feature and ultimately earn himself a first-place victory. Second through fifth were Glenn Griswold, Chuck Docherty, Gary Fioramanti, and Gee Perry. Rounding out the top 10 were Steve Fifield, Ted Chalmers, Joe Czarnecki, Rick Hartenstein, and Wayne Coury.

Joe Arena won the Strictly Stock feature in a great run over Roy Houe, Roger Fujimoto, Bill Reiman, and Dave Ellison. Sixth through 10th were Al Leone, Chuck Alessio, Ken Marques, Vinny Bonacore, and Rob Valerio.

This Saturday, July 2nd, Riverside Park Speedway will present the Acme "America's Birthday 100" for the NASCAR four-type Modifieds; then, on Sunday, July 3rd, its "Fireworks Sunday" with 25 death-defying holiday events, including a full-size Enduro race, Figure 8 races, TQ Midgits, and the Legend Cars, as well as most of the speedway's regular racing divisions.

AAN Golf Tip Of The Week...

The World's Greatest Golfers Share Their Keys To Mastering The Game

Compiled by Jim Modzelesky, PGA
Oak Ridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills, MA

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PULL THE HEEL OF THE CLUB INSIDE ON THE DOWNSWING

Swing keys or images work best if you have some physical key to go along with them. In my case, just before I begin my backswing, I slide the clubhead away from me so the heel of the club is even with the ball.

This one little move actually does two things: first, it serves as a kind of forward press—a trigger to begin my swing. Some players will move one of their knees toward the ball or slide their hands forward slightly as a way to begin their swing, but this one little move has always worked best for me.

The other thing sliding the clubhead out past the ball does is remind me to pull the heel of the club to the inside at the top of my backswing. Doing this helps me guard against coming over the top on my downswing and hitting a big pull-hook.

The test of any swing key is how well it helps you hold up under pressure, and I suppose there's not much more pressure than standing in the fairway on the last hole of the U.S. Open knowing you have to make a good swing to give yourself a shot at a playoff.

That was the situation I was in at the 1984 U.S. Open. I watched Greg Norman hole a huge downhill putt just ahead of me. I thought it was for a birdie that would give him a one-stroke lead, and I began waving my towel in mock surrender. That actually took some of the pressure off.

I set up over the ball with a 5-iron and hit a good shot to 20 feet. By then I knew I needed only a par to get into the playoff. I got down in two and won the playoff with a 67 to Greg's 75.

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Riverside Speedway To Hold Two Racing Events This Weekend

If you're tired of traditional, "plain old" Fourth of July fireworks, then get ready because auto racing and a million-dollar display of fireworks is just the answer—it's "Double NASCAR Thunder," two big celebrations of America's birthday at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA.

On Saturday, July 2nd, it's the Budweiser/Acme "America's Birthday 100" for the NASCAR tour-type Modifieds. This is the first 100-lap event of the 1994 season, and noted Modified drivers such as Reggie Ruggiero, Chris Kopec, Dan Avery, Steve Park, and Bruce Dell will be on hand for this thrill-packed event.

In addition to this race, the Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks will be competing; plus, a million-dollar fireworks display will be a part of the evening's excitement.

The Saturday, July 2nd event marks the midway point of Riverside's 1994 season, and thus far, heated point battles in all of the speedway's divisions have made for a season that has entertain-

ed racing fans to no end!

The pit area opens on Saturday at 12:00 noon, with the action set to start at 6:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$14.99, with kids 12 and under just \$2.99 each. (The program is estimated to conclude by 10:45 p.m.)

The second big holiday event is a family tradition—"Fireworks Sunday" on July 3rd. This event will feature 25 death-defying holiday events: a full-size Enduro race; four-cylinder Enduro; wild and crazy Figure 8 races; TQ Midgets; the Legend cars; Pro 4 Modifieds; Strictly Stocks; Super Stocks; Mini-Stocks; 4 x 4 car crushing; police racing for the Jimmy Fund; a Demolition Derby; and a million-dollar fireworks display.

Everything will be run rain or shine this coming Sunday, July 3rd, and the pits open at 10:00 a.m. Race day entry is accepted on race day; real race divisions qualify in the afternoon.

The south gate opens at 4:00 p.m., and the action will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. (This event is

expected to be over by 10:45 p.m.)

"Fireworks Sunday" is a great family value for only \$10.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 years of age and under. Your speedway admission includes a walk through New England's largest amusement park with free shows, great games, and great food.

So, don't miss the two big America's birthday celebrations at Riverside Park Speedway ... the Saturday, July 2nd "Budweiser King of Beers" 100 (plus fireworks), and the Sunday, July 3rd "Fireworks Sunday" thrills spectacular (to be run rain or shine).

As if these events weren't already enough, the month of July will also mark the only appearance of the NEMA Midgets; a "Nutmet Collectable Night"; and the only midweek stop on the Modified tour (Wednesday, July 20th - rain date Thursday, July 21st).

For more information, call (413) 786-9300, extension 3264.

Body Shop Wins Five Recent Games In Mickey Mantle Action

The Body Shop got out their brooms and swept all five of their games this week from their opponents quickly moving their record to 9-2.

Their first victim was an unexpected Camacho's Video team which they whitewashed with a 16-3 victory in five innings. Jim Baldyga was the winning pitcher with a three-hitter.

Offensively, The Body Shop had a good night at the plate pounding out 10 hits of their own. Mike Domaingue, Jon Jacobsen, and Dom Pisano cracked two hits apiece, while Chris Chechile, Marc Tassone, Jeff Rousseau, and Jay Peloquin chipped in with one apiece.

Defensively, Jeff Cressotti made some crucial outs for his team at second base.

Their next opponent was a very lackluster St. Catherine's Tigers, which The Body Shop defeated 9-0. Jamie Scherban produced an easy win for his team by shutting down the Tigers on a four-hitter.

Jamie Scherban also aided his team offensively along with Dan Pellegrino, Jeff Cressotti, Jay Peloquin, Jeff Rousseau, Dom Pisano, and Chris Chechile.

Defensively, Jon Jacobsen made a diving stab at first to preserve the shutout.

Their next mark was OLSH Teddy Bear Pools. The Body Shop came out on top 11-2. Jon Jacobsen took the wind out of their sails early in this game by crushing a homerun and pitching a strong game, allowing seven hits and striking out 12.

Many of the boys also rallied behind their pitcher by smacking eight hits. Dan Pellegrino, Jim Baldyga, Jeff Cressotti, Mike Domaingue, Chris Chechile, Jamie Scherban, and Jeff Rousseau helped in the win.

Jeff Harlin helped the cause by playing a solid game defensively in right field.

The last pawn to a perfect week was St. Anne's of Chicopee, which The Body Shop handled easily in a double header.

In the early game, The Body Shop rolled over St. Anne's 12-2. Dan Pellegrino went the distance allowing only four hits, while striking out seven batters.

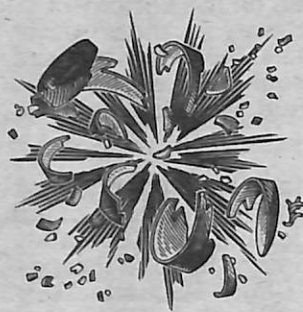
The hitting stars of this game were Jeff Rousseau (three hits), Andrew Ingham, Chris Chechile, and Jamie Scherban (two hits apiece), and Dan Pellegrino, Jeff Harlin, and Mike Domaingue, each chipping in with one.

In the second game, St. Anne's gave The Body Shop a scare until Agawam exploded for six runs in the sixth to defeat them 10-3. Marc Tassone and Jay Peloquin combined to pitch a fine game keeping The Body Shop's record perfect for the week.

After The Body Shop splattered 12 hits over the Chicopee field, St. Anne's was probably happy to see the Agawam team return home across the river. Chris Chechile and Mike Domaingue led the way with two hits apiece, while Jeff Cressotti, Jon Jacobsen, Marc Tassone, Jay Peloquin, Jamie Scherban, Dom Pisano, and Andrew Ingham tallied with one.

Chris Chechile sparkled defensively behind the plate by gunning down two Chicopee runners.

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Fishing With My Nephew (Finally!)

After a myriad of problems such as medical, truck, and foul weather, I finally was able to get in some fishing with my nephew, Willie Lacas.

Ten-thirty in the morning found us on Big Benton trolling for trout in a 20-mile-plus wind. It was cold, and the winter shirt I brought along was doing the job of keeping the wind off my flesh.

We trolled into the wind and with the wind, across the wind to no avail. The trout were smarter than the fishermen and stayed put during the blow.

"I'm going to anchor behind the island in the calmer water and fish for perch and bullheads—all right with you?" I hollered to Willie. He shook his head in agreement.

The bluegills pestered us to no end and were sucking worms off the hooks at random. Willie broke the ice with a nice white perch, and I landed an eating-size bullhead. Things were looking up!

"Look at those big birds riding the wind just over the island. What species are they?" he asked. "They look large enough to be turkey buzzards," I replied.

Behind us in the woods, we could hear crows squawking and young ones hollering for breakfast. Every once in a while, an adult crow would buzz us, circle, and return to the woods. I stunned a bluegill and tossed it downwind from us.

"Keep an eye on that fish," I told Willie. Suddenly, the crow came out of the woods, dropped its claws, and scooped up the bluegill and disappeared into the woods. The young crows in the nest started clambering, and we knew that the parent crow presented the fish to them. Well, we kept tossing the undersized bluegills downwind and the crows picked them up.

In the meantime (unknown to us), the bird that was riding the wind had landed in a dead tree behind us and evidently watched us feeding the crows. There was a whirring noise and a big shadow crossed us. We both ducked down and looked up at the same time; the bird had a tremendous wing span.

"That's a young eagle," I yelled to Willie. "It is the first time I was that close to one. What a beautiful bird."

The eagle cut behind us and landed up in the tree it was previously perched in. We tossed in more bluegills. The eagle made another pick-up, and the crows were very disturbed over the invasion of the big bird. The eagle made a pass at one of the crows, and it successfully dodged the big

Agawam Tigers Finish 2nd In U9 Spring Soccer



THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S UNDER 9 Tigers finished second in the 1994 Pioneer Valley Spring Soccer season under the direction of Coaches Dean Hopey and Ed Brown. The girls lost in the semi-finals in the tournament to Ludlow. Team members are, standing, from left - Sara Skolnick, Meghan Brown, Megan Garvey, Nicole Sadak, Megan Glouster, Amanda Janik, and Vicky Taylor. Seated - Brittany Theriaque, Bethany Reid, Melissa Savenko, Kaitlin Sardella, Danielle Cirillo, and Kyleigh Egan.

bird and squawked all the way back to its nest.

The eagle made one last pick-up and headed north into the State Forest, evidently to its own nest and young ones. It is wild woods north of the pond, with swamps and marsh with water in it. I know, for I have bowhunted it in the past and did take a nice eight-point buck 30 years ago. At that time, I noted two eagle nests near the marshland.

I was so uptight when preparing for the fishing trip, I left my camera on the kitchen table. A lost opportunity for once-in-a-lifetime pictures.

We came home with a good catch of perch and bullheads, as well as the makings of a story that will be told over and over again.

The Westfield River has been declared a wild river and now comes under federal regulations. A group of people in Cummington swung the deal without much publicity about their aim on the river.

It will be interesting and sad when the Feds start waving their club over the river and the restrictions enforced. The moaning from the towns and cities along the river will be to no avail.

Otis turned down the option of declaring the Farmington River as wild; the people did not like the restrictions.

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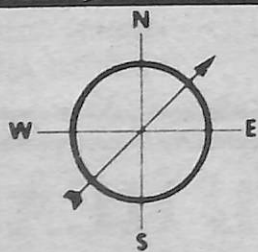
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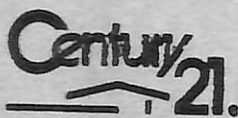
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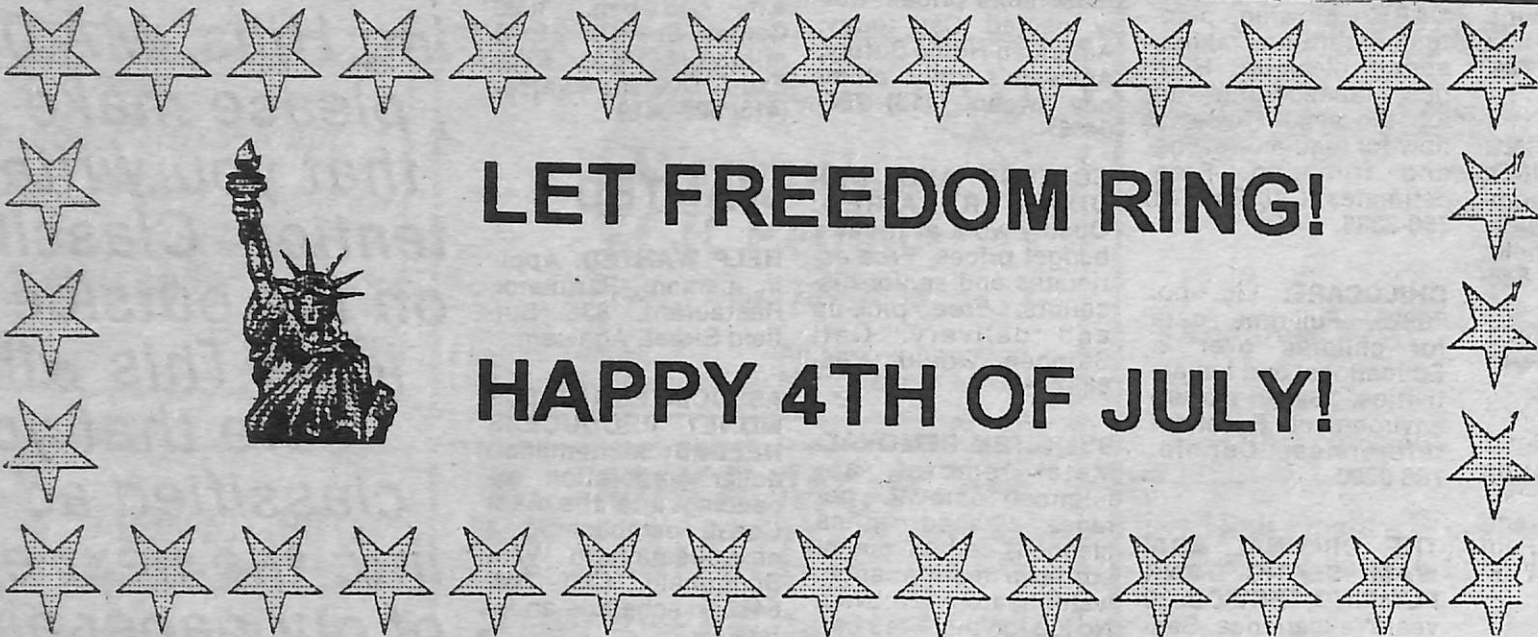


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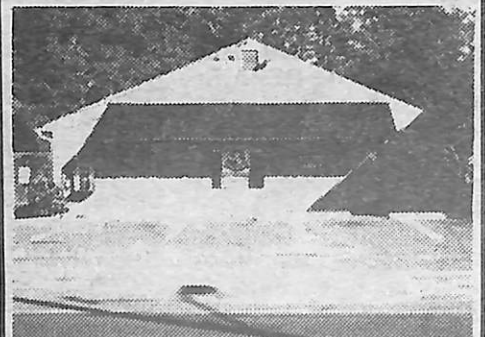
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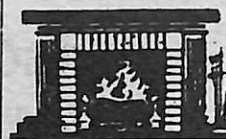
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